



STACK TALK

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All this can be yours!

We're offering this dazzling 1999 Chevy S-10 Blazer at auction. Minimum bid \$5,000. See page 4.

News from the President



Perry McCully

Didn't we just have a meet the other day? Just a short appeal to come out and make this meet just as successful as

the last 10 or so. We will have the potluck as in the past but we have more than 100 guests coming and the number is getting longer as I write this. Twenty of those are our own members. Please, if you are coming to the potluck bring your best and biggest hot dish you wonderful cooks can muster. I'm sure there are things you all can sign up for. Call Betty Moore if you would like to help.

Through Warren Carlson efforts the club has received an S-10 Blazer to sell. It has about 66,000 miles, the a/c does not work, the hood latch does not work, no electric window and no electric locks. It has a radio with cassette deck. The word Security and the light bar have to come off the car before it leaves the park. I have the

paper work and the keys so if you want to drive it, call me. There is no insurance so it has to be driven in the park to test it. It will be sold as is. You can bid on the web site or at the meeting in April.

The food drive has been postponed until our April meeting. Having it one week before the meet was way too much. April 9th is the meeting. The drive is April 9 & 10, noon to 5 pm. Come to the meeting and then help with the drive and have fun at the same time. Can you imagine that?

I just got the great news that we can insulate the clubhouse and put up the dry wall.

WUUUU WHOOOOO!!!!!!!

Perry McCully



Bob Douglas

Treasurer's Notes

Progress on Ford Station is falling behind schedule, mostly due to the unexpected, un-Arizona like weather. Have you noticed the gray stripes in the Farkelberry White paint on the north side of the building? The painting contractor watched three gallons of paint slide down the wall and flow uphill to Pottsville. The Economy Roofing Co. employees enjoyed two days of slipping and sliding in the rain while laying the roof tiles in place. At least one job was finished this month.

Bill Osband is rebuilding track panels for the Pottsville subdivision faster than trains can deliver them to the job site, currently at Perryville. Help is needed to ballast the new track. We hope to have the line operational for the spring meet.

Please add the following members to your 2005 roster.

Renewal, regular member

Marcus Eads
877 S. 239th Lane
Buckeye AZ 85326
H 623-925-0383

New, non-resident member

Bill Yoder
2871 Mardell Lane
Loomis CA 95650
H 916-652-7113
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Stephanie Marks

Meeting Minutes

Maricopa Live Steamers Board of Directors Meeting February 12, 2005

Meeting was called to order by President Perry McCully.

Perry discussed the possibility of the club receiving a vehicle as a donation. The vehicle can be sold at auction with the proceeds going to the club. More details to follow.

Pieter Pennarts has asked for some help with repairing the trencher. We've used the trencher at the club many times. We did not break the trencher, however we have added to the many hours of use on it. Motion by Jim Brown to donate \$500 toward repairing the trencher. Seconded by Bill Lowe. Motion Passed. We will bring this up at the general membership meeting and look for donations towards the \$500. A donation of \$100 was received at the meeting.

Bob Douglas reported that we have a balance of \$825 available. Request for funds include:

- \$500 spring meet
- \$500 Maintenance
- \$500 Trencher
- \$200 Grader
- \$350 Rolling Stock

Meeting these requests will place us in a negative position. Funds for the grader will come out of the Building Fund.

A motion was made by Jim Brown to recommend going back to the 50/50 split of the Sunday public run money. Seconded by Ken Bain. Motion passed.

Charlie Downs and Karen Roderick discussed a gift card idea to solicit donations for the club.

Cliff Fought has a welding table that can be borrowed for the build a car clinic during the spring meet.

Betty Moore made a motion to provide two extra portable toilets for the spring meet, for a total of three. Seconded by Charlie Downs, motion passed.

We are also looking for donations for the spring meet raffle.

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Jim Brown provided a signal update. Currently everything is up and running up to Rossow Point on the Werner branch. The trenching on the Bobberg is completed and we need to start on Pottsville. The signal system should be completed with the funds that were originally allocated.

The August meeting will be our Ice Cream Social. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

The Sunday run schedule will be posted on the website.

The new member breakfast will be held Saturday at 9:00 a.m. [The breakfast will be held Saturday, March 5, at 9 a.m. Ed.]

The Stack Talk currently has a mailing of 100 paper copies.

Gene Johnson is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Maricopa Live Steamers BOD & General Membership Meeting February 12, 2005

Meeting was called to order by President Perry McCully.

Minutes read by secretary, Stephanie Marks. Motion by Jim Brown to accept, seconded by Chris Borders. Motion passed.

Motion by Charlie Downs to amend the locomotive auction starting bid to \$1,500. Seconded by Ken Bain, motion passed.

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

Bob Douglas made the following motions:

- Motion to allocate \$500 for the March meet, seconded by Ken Bain, motion passed
- Motion to allocate \$350 to rolling stock to finish repairs on the 7282, seconded by Betty Moore, motion passed
- Motion to allocate \$500 to Maintenance of Way for ballast and tie treatment, seconded by Charlie Downs, motion passed
- Motion to allocate \$500 for trencher repair as a donation. Seconded by Jim Brown. We can help fund this motion by moving the novelties fund and closing the reward fund. Received donations from members totaling \$250. Motion passed.
- Motion to return to the previous allocation of the Sunday public runs fund. Seconded by Jim Brown, motion passed

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MLS Spring Meet Registration Form March 17 - 20, 2005

Please supply the requested information then mail to
Betty Jane Moore, 24633 N. 45th Drive, Glendale AZ.

This form may be submitted electronically on our web site
www.maricopalivesteamers.com

Look for "2005 Spring Meet Information"

If you wish to operate a train on our railroad during the Spring Meet,
you must have an FRS (Family Radio Service) transmitter and receiver
equipped to handle CTCSS Sub Channels. Examples of such a unit are the
BellSouth Model 1022 Communicator or the Motorola Model T5950 TalkAbout.

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

How many in your party including yourself? _____

Please list the names of all those in your party, other than yourself, so that
we may prepare name badges for them:

Please verify your email address: _____

Emergency contact and phone number: _____

Will you be camping at our railroad? _____

If so, please check: Tent RV Other

Will you bring an engine? _____

If so, please check: Steam Internal Combustion Other

Comments or questions: _____



April 7 is the deadline to complete our new clubhouse. As *Stack Talk* went to press, the building passed the electrical inspection. plumbing is nearing completion, and insulation is going in.



On Saturday March 6, concrete was poured for handicapped parking spots in front of the Adobe City patio. The work had been delayed for weeks because of rain.

Old Business

Ken Bain provided an update on changes to boiler rules. The proposed boiler rules were received from the state and we recommended various changes. The boiler inspector will support the revisions we provided. Ken and Bill will attend future meetings on proposed boiler rules.

Betty Moore discussed the spring meet. AMRS will be providing lunch on Saturday with proceeds going to Saguaro Central. Other events on Saturday include a "Get Acquainted Lunch" at Pardee Point and a car building clinic hosted by Paul Karczewski of Discover Live Steam. We are also looking into doing a photo shoot for the meet. The yardmaster schedule is posted on the website along with the MLS Sunday Public Run schedule. Charlie Downs will be publishing a new time table for the meet.

Bob Douglas reviewed the membership report. We have:

- 246 Members
- 110 Regular Members
- 59 Spousal Members
- 48 Non-Resident Members
- 29 Junior Members

Eighty-two members did not renew. Of these were:

- 27 Regular Members
- 23 Spousal Members
- 12 Non-Resident Member
- 20 Junior Members

Bob requested 3 volunteers for the 2004 Audit Committee. Dan Borders, Ken Bain and Chris Borders volunteered. The committee will meet after the meeting.

A concrete pour will be completed on Saturday at 7:00 a.m. Volunteers will be needed.

Announcements made by Perry McCully

- The MLS August meeting will be our Ice Cream Social. The meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M.
- Rosters are now available for pickup
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Arizona for Children train rides. We had a total of 168 people
- Two of our members are out sick, Gene Johnson and Bill Laybourn

New Business

Michelle Winkler discussed the upcoming party schedule. We have a party scheduled for Friday, February 22, from noon to 3 p.m. and the Cub Scout group is scheduled for Saturday, April 23. Volunteers will be needed to run trains.

We also need volunteers to help sand down the old picnic tables so the tables can be refinished.

Karen Roderick discussed the use of

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Al Ford

Adobe Update

There was a tragedy in the town of Fisher. One of the flamingos spending the winter with us obviously has never seen a train before. He wandered onto the track in front of the Little Bug Flyer last week and ended up in the Fisher Emergency Ward. Through fast action by the personnel on duty its life was saved but unfortunately both legs were lost. The surgeon on duty decided that something was better than nothing and sewed on the flamingos feet just below his hips. Now try to picture this. The 14 flamingos go on their evening stroll and are not sure whether to put "shorty" on the front of the line or on the back of the line. If they put him on the back of the line they are afraid the wandering coyotes will get him. If they put him on the front of the line they all have to take itsy bitsy teeny weeny steps or risk tripping over him. If you have a solution to this dilemma please drop it off at the Fisher station agents home. All suggestions are appreciated.

Speaking of Fisher, I understand there is a new restaurant about to open. Aunt Fungal's Diner is scheduled to open for business next week and the featured item on the menu is fried flamingo legs au jour.

The signal department is working steadily on the Bobberg Sub Division signals. Trenching along the line has been done and the new wiring has been placed. We expect to have the newly designed signal system up and running by meet time. Thanks to Bill Pardee, Jim Zimmerman, Jim Brown and all others who have helped in this monumental task. As for signals, please remember on all our signaled lines that not only is it important that you stop and stay stopped at a red signal, but also to proceed on a green or yellow signal. If you have received a yellow or green and do not go because you're talking to someone, enjoying the scenery, daydreaming, watching the rattle snakes or for whatever other reason, you are most likely tying up the entire branch line.

Our Spring Meet is coming up and I think it is very important that we should all remember what we are here for, i.e. to have fun.

Adobe Al



Betty Jane Moore

News from the Vice-president

We will be having our first quarterly New Member Orientation Breakfast on Saturday, March 5th, at 9:00 A.M. on the front patio if the weather stays agreeable.

Our Spring Meet is fast approaching. We still need people to sign up to act as Yard Masters. The shifts are for two hours each, Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call or email me if you can work any of these days. Almost all slots are still available. The schedule is posted on our web site. We have more than 100 people registered, only 22 of whom are MLS members. Remember: If you plan to operate a train at the Spring Meet, you must register. You can do so on our web site or use the registration form enclosed with this issue of *Stack Talk*.

Watch for the low flying lights appearing out at Fisher. The Knot People have been working furiously to be ready for our guests. They are putting some of us to shame with their enthusiasm.

Sunday Run Schedule has been updated

Members who are scheduled to work as Engineers, conductors and station masters are listed in the Sunday Run Schedule posted on our web site. The link to the schedule is on the left side of the home page.

Although many positions have been filled, more help is needed. Duty hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The last ride leaves Adobe City at 4:45 p.m.

If you can help, please take a look at the schedule and see where you could fit in, then call Betty Jane Moore.

Minutes

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donation letters. Many local businesses will donate items or gift cards to the club if we can provide an information letter. Copies of the letter are available and will be posted on the website. Safeway, Frys and Home Depot are good candidates.

Gary Smith and John Draftz reviewed and upcoming visit from a videographer from the Maricopa County. He will be coming out to create a video on our railroad. We will be setting up specific times and interviews. [*The video will appear on Cox Channel 9, and perhaps Cox Channel 11, at 7:30 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday in March. Ed.*]

Jim Brown provided a signal update. West and East Werner are working. Pottsville should be up and running by the spring meet.

Received a club house update. Plans are in place to pour the handicap parking spaces. We are waiting on the electrical installation and looking for volunteers to help. We will be working evenings from 4-6 p.m.. The plumber will also be out to fix a few problems. Heating and cooling is complete.

Motion to adjourn by Charlie Downs, seconded by Karen Roderick. Motion passed.

Chevy S-10 Blazer, locomotive, straddle cars, trucks, all are up for auction

Here's your chance to buy a 1999 Chevy Blazer in very good condition (see photo on page 1). Good body (Hood latch does not work but we hope to repair it before the end of the auction). Good paint, fair tires, AC does not work. Good engine. Clean interior. No extra charge for the Security Vehicle paint scheme and light bar. Paperwork included documents that the vehicle has received factory-recommended service. The vehicle is parked at our railroad near the front patio. The minimum bid is \$5,000. To see more photos, visit our web site (maricopalivesteamers.com). To place your bid, call Charlie Downs at 602-326-4867 or send him email at mls@wellhealedmac.com.

The auction will end at our April 9 business meeting.

We're also auctioning a locomotive and riding car, straddle cars and trucks. This auction will end during our March 12 business meeting. View all these items on our web site. Your bids will keep our club growing.

Stack Talk—March 2005 New timetable prepared for Spring Meet

A revised Adobe Western timetable and new system map will be handed out at the Spring Meet which begins March 17. The map has been posted on our web site. Look for the link on the left side of the home page.

More than 100 have registered for Meet

As this issue of Stack Talk went to press, more than 100 people have registered for the Spring Meet. States represented are California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Alberta, Canada.

7282 is back in service

Lenny Rossow has completed extensive repairs on locomotive 7282 and she's back in service. Lenny rebuilt just about the whole locomotive.

Check out our online want ads

Several items have been added to our want ad web page, including a nice air compressor, a complete train with an RMI 0-6-0 35-ton industrial switcher.

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We welcome your comments,
suggestions and submissions.

MLS CALENDAR

- The next MLS business meeting will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 12.
- The 2005 Spring Meet will be held March 17 through March 20.