

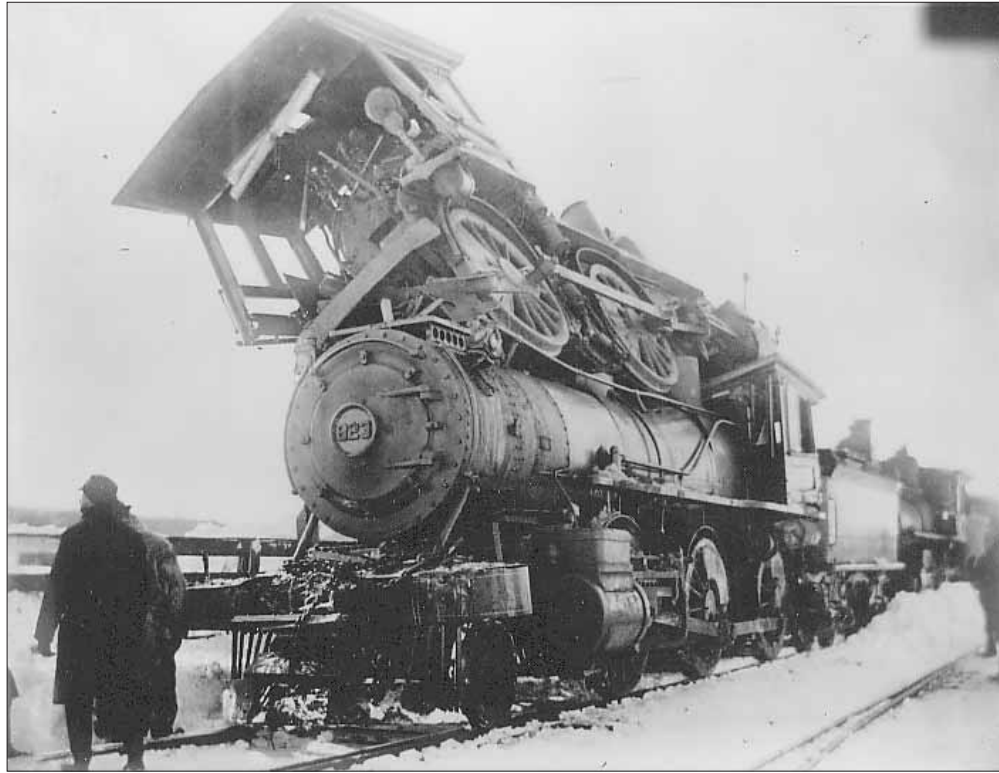


# STACK TALK

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Found on the Web, this photo depicts a train wreck that occurred on February 3, 1898, in Southborough, Mass. Unfortunately, no explanation was provided about how the little loco landed on top of the big loco.

## News from the President



*Perry McCully*

It's been about a month since the Spring meet. Now it's time to move on. We need to finish replacing the ties on the Pottsville branch. We have three other branches that could use some work also.

The clubhouse is so close to being finished it's kind of scary, but it's exciting. We received an extension on the permit until July 1.

Trim in the bathrooms has to be installed, and some wiring problems need to be fixed in the ladies restroom. The countertops have been ordered and will arrive on May 5th. The power to the park had to be cut off so we could finish hooking up the wiring to the clubhouse and it could be a month before the power is back on. If you need to start up your steam engine you will have to use the engine powered air compressor. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The patio is very busy this month with guests. Please help keep it clean and presentable.

Ken Bain, Cliff Fought and I met with a liability lawyer a couple of weeks

ago. He gave us several suggestions of things we need to fix. I met with the board of directors and we started to make some changes. These changes were necessary whether we run the public or not. If you have any questions, please come to the business meeting.

Just a reminder about safety. You are the one that determines how safe you are in the park. Respect your equipment. Check your toys for safe operation. Make sure your boiler is inspected once a year. Watch out for the fanged critters that may be lurking in the tall weeds. Happy railroading.

We have one more month of running the public until fall. If you are scheduled to run the public please be there.

Remember—this month's business meeting begins at 9 a.m.

*Perry McCully*



Betty Jane Moore

## News from the Vice-president

Things are beginning to quiet down at the park as we wind down another season. Thirty-seven members have taken and passed the Engineer's Test. Thank you all for your patience. If I do not see you in the next week or two I will mail your certificate.

We will be posting the Fall Meet Schedule on the web shortly. The Registration Forms will take a little longer as we need to make some changes to the format. Time is moving along faster than our trains. However, we still need to deal with the long hot summer and the weeds at the park. Please come out if you can cut or pull.

A special thank you to all who have come out on Sundays to assist with the public runs. Couldn't have done it without you. Until we meet again.

Betty Moore



Bob Douglas

## Treasurer's Notes

All of the station and train crews deserve a great "thank you" for the time and effort given to the public. The traffic data is as follows:

Month	Trains	Runs	Passengers
January	14	121	2,306
February	8	74	1,394
March	8	67	1,298
April	12	84	1,366

Please add the following members to your 2005 roster:

### New non-resident members

Godfrey, William & Elaine  
itldogodfrey2@earthlink.net  
Summer: 780 Beech Tree Rd., Whittier NC 28789  
H 828-586-6247  
Winter: 2656 N. 6th St. #304A  
Mesa AZ 85215  
H 480-807-9792

Hawkins, Rory  
hawkinsrt@aol.com  
5623 Autry Ave.  
Lakewood CA 90712  
H 562-867-0280

Rider, Terry  
riogrand@southwind.net  
11129 Nantucket  
Wichita KS 67212-1101  
H 316-250-9249

Bob Douglas



Stephanie Marks

## Meeting Minutes Maricopa Live Steamers General Membership Meeting April 9, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Perry McCully.

The minutes were read by secretary Stephanie Marks. Motion to approve by Charlie Downs, seconded by Ken Bain, motion passed.

No treasurer's report was read; Bob Douglas was out of town.

Betty Moore reviewed the spring meet. The final spring meet report is not yet available. Waiting for final expenses. We received a few complaints from our guests regarding public runs during the meet, including incidents with children and parents around steam engines in the station. Comments received from other clubs regarding public runs included reducing the number of people on the train. We worked through a few glitches. We didn't have enough volunteers to sup-

port the meet and we lacked dessert donations for the spaghetti dinner. Recommended change is to not run the public during the spring and fall meets or to separate the MLS meet for the ARMS swap meet.

We found a lawyer who will donate an hour of his time to talk to the club regarding public runs and club liability. Cliff and Perry will meet with him. We have sent a list of questions in advance. Discussed a survey circulated to members via email. We currently don't have enough information to make a decision on the public runs issue. Will wait until after meeting with the lawyer.

### Announcements

- Currently 20 members have taken and passed the engineers test.
- Fred Evans passed away. A sympathy card is available for members to sign.
- The weed eater disappeared from the club property for a few days. Please remember, club equipment cannot be removed from the property without receiving approval.
- Engineers are needed on 4/16, 4/22 and 4/30 for private party runs.
- Eaglewings Ironcraft is having a garden railroad meet on 4/16 and 4/17. Donations will go to the Make a Wish Foundation.
- We received an extension on the building permit due to the efforts of Michele Winkler. We have until July 7, 2005. The cost was \$105.
- The county has asked the club to control the weeds. Weeds need to be cut down along the fence lines. Fire danger is the main concern.
- Any problems or incidents at the park need to be reported to the President or Vice President. An incident report should also be completed if necessary.
- A Beat the Heat meet will not be held in Show Low this year. Members can contact Kevin for available dates in June or August.

### Old Business

Bill Unglaube discussed train speed as a safety issue. Would like to see it reduced to 4 mph. This will be referred to the safety committee.

Discovered the vehicle up for auction has various problems, so the auction has been removed from the web site. We had received one bid so far and that party has been contacted. Karl Hovanitz volunteered to look at the vehicle and report back to the Perry.

The building should be completed within 30 days. Need to add counter

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tops, various hookups and finishing work is still in progress.

Signals will be down in the station area for 3 to 4 months while switches are being changed.

### New Business

Charlie Downs made a motion to publish a recommended change to the bylaws for voting at the May meeting. This change would add to article II, section 3, item C, giving the president and the vice president the power to suspend a member for any intentional action that poses a threat to the safety

of the public or members without having to call a meeting of the Board of Directors. Seconded by Betty Moore. Motion passed.

Motion by Charlie Downs to post signs indicating no firearms or alcohol allowed within the park. Signs would not include any code. The club can determine this rule and post signs for public view. Seconded by Betty Moore. Motion passed.

Motion by Betty Moore to add to Rules of Operation, section 252 – Trainmen shall have available a whistle, a radio, and as appropriate either a light or red flag. Seconded by Bruce Salo. Motion passed.

Motion by Frank Behrle to not run the public during the spring and fall meets on either Saturday or Sunday. Seconded by Jerry Moore. Discussed various problems with running the public during the meets and having the AMRS swap meet at the same time. We will meet with ARMS to discuss the challenges. Motion passed by a hand vote of 22 to 5.

Bill Unglaube nominated Betty Moore as the Fall Meet Coordinator. She accepted.

Motion to adjourn by Charlie Downs. Seconded by Dan Borders, motion passed.

*Stephanie Marks*

## Proposed amendment to MLS bylaws

Charlie Downs proposed an amendment to the MLS bylaws at the April 9th business meeting.

Article II, Section 2(C) now reads as follows:

“MEMBERSHIP TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION from all MLS activities may be imposed on any member for good and sufficient reason, i.e. not adhering to the rules, codes, by-laws or other practices of the club. Any incident or motion that could result in a membership temporarily suspension or termination is to be presented initially to a lawfully held BoD meeting. Subsequently, the incident or motion may be presented to the membership at a lawfully held

general membership meeting. A majority vote by the BoD members present at the BoD meeting or a majority vote of the eligible voting members present at the general membership meeting is required for a temporary suspension or termination of membership. Temporary suspension is to be specified for a period not to exceed one year. An individual with a suspended or terminated membership may have access to his equipment so long as the individual is accompanied by a club officer or member of the BoD while on club property.”

Charlie's proposed amendment would add the following to this section:

“The president or the vice president may temporarily suspend a member without BoD action when, in

the opinion of the president or vice president, any intentional action by the member poses a threat to the safety of other members or the public. The temporary suspension shall be reviewed by the BoD within 30 days at a lawfully held BoD meeting at which time the Board members shall either ratify or nullify the suspension by a majority vote of the members present. Should the BoD ratify the suspension, the incident or motion may be presented to the membership at a lawfully held general membership meeting at which time a majority vote of the eligible voting members present at the general membership meeting may ratify the BoD's action.”

Members will be asked to approve the amendment at the May 14th business meeting.

## The Shay Locomotive

The designs illustrated and described in this catalogue comprise our standard Shay Geared Locomotives. These fulfill all the requirements of ordinary industrial and logging operations. To meet special conditions, our engineers will be glad to co-operate with customers in the production of designs to meet their special requirements. Our engineering department is ready at all times to furnish information, and to advise as to the most satisfactory designs for particular conditions.

Shay Geared Locomotives operate successfully under extraordinary conditions of track and grade. These



engines are built in sizes ranging from 13 tons up to any size to meet customers' requirements. From 20 tons up, the locomotive is constructed with three cylinders. This gives a constant torque and produces an even and powerful exhaust. This last feature makes the engine steam freely.

The boilers are carefully designed, and provided with large steam spaces, so that they will operate satisfactorily on steep grades.

The frames are made of Standard I-beam sections, or of the girder type. The trucks are solidly built, and thoroughly braced. All wheels are

driving wheels, and the total weight of both engine and tender is used to pull the load. Therefore, a Shay Locomotive of the same weight as a direct locomotive and its tender will produce a much greater draw-bar pull.

Due to the fact that there is no counterbalance in the driving wheels, there is a total absence of dynamic augment, or what is commonly known as "hammerblow" on the rail. Because of this, the Shay Geared Locomotive operates on track too light for a direct engine of the same axle load. It is easy on the track and reduces very materially the cost of repairs and upkeep.

## **Parks Department bans open fires on MLS land**

It should come as no surprise that the Maricopa County Parks Department has issued a ban on open fires at our railroad (and at all county parks). Specifically, the use of campfires, fire pits and charcoal grills is prohibited. Natural gas and propane devices are allowed.

## **Satellite view of Adobe Western available on Late Breaking News page**

Google, arguably the best search engine on the Web, has added a mapping service which can be accessed at [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com). Enter a street address or placename, and Google will present a zoomable map of the location. Click on the "Satellite" link at the top-right of the window, and you'll see a satellite view of the same location.

If you'll go to our Late Breaking News page, you'll find a link to a satellite view of the Adobe Western Road. It would appear from certain visual clues that the photo was taken during our 2004 Spring Meet.



## **Time to move 'em out**

You're invited to Operations Day on Saturday, May 21. Breakfast at 7 a.m. (by donation) then operations will begin at 8:30 a.m. Interested? Send email to Stephanie Marks at [stephanie1231@cox.net](mailto:stephanie1231@cox.net) or call Jim Zimmerman at 480-946-4923. You don't know what we're talking about? Call Jim. He'll explain. It's great fun.

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## **Paul Karczewski's 'Car Building Clinic' tips now on web site**

Jim Manley and Paul Karczewski put together tips from Paul's Car Building Clinic which he presented at our Spring Meet.

You'll find a link to the presentation on our Late Breaking News page, [www.maricopalivesteamers.com/lbn](http://www.maricopalivesteamers.com/lbn).

## **Long-time member Fred Evans has passed away**

We note the passing of member Fred Evans who died of cancer four days after he visited the Spring Meet. "Fred made many valuable contributions to the club," said president Perry McCully.

## **Private parties at MLS will end May 22**

May 22 is the last Sunday on which MLS will pull the public this year and the date on which we will also cease hosting private parties. The party page has been removed from the web site.

We will honor any party reservations that have already been made.

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We welcome your comments,  
suggestions and submissions.

## **MLS CALENDAR**

The next MLS business meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 14.