



STACK TALK

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Ready to Roll

Fallon Smith, 2-1/2, of Mesa fired up a diesel and was ready to haul passengers from Adobe Station during the 2004 Fall Meet.

News from the President



Perry McCully

Another very successful meet has come and gone. I think everyone had a great time. The weather was great. We had about 145 people at the potluck and all the food was delicious.

Couldn't ask for better fellowship. All the work we put into the meet paid off. Thank you for your efforts in getting the meet going and making it enjoyable for everyone. Thanks for bringing all the good food for the potluck. It was generous of you all.

We have a large dumpster in the lumberyard area. It needs to be filled up to the top with all the scraps from making ties. We have two weeks to fill it. If you have free time and would like to do something for the club come out and start filling that dumpster. If all the scrap is gone please contact Bob Alkire to continue the lumberyard cleanup.

The clubhouse has to be completed in 180 days. I need four people who

are carpenters. Dewey Mills is the man to contact if you want to help. He is gone Monday thru Thursday.

This year's Toys for Tots Drive will take place Saturday and Sunday, December 11th and 12th, from noon to 5 p.m. Our Christmas Party will be on December 11 at 6 p.m. With concurrence of the membership, we will have a food drive on Sunday, November 21.

Please come out to the meeting on the 13 of Nov. and vote for the right persons to run this club for the next year. There is a ballot in this newsletter and one on the web site. If you mail it in, your signature must be notarize. So, the best way is to come out and vote PLEASE.

Perry McCully

Treasurer's Notes



Bob Douglas

Membership Dues Reminder: As of October 31st, 53 percent of MLS members had paid their dues for 2005. The number of memberships is:

- 79 Regular Memberships
- 30 Non-resident Memberships
- 46 Spousal Memberships
- 23 Junior Memberships
- 179 Total

Thank you to those who have paid your dues, If you have not paid your dues yet, *please do*. Also please send me the 2005 Membership Dues form that was included in the September issue of Stack Talk and is available on the Web Site. Look for "Membership Dues Form" in the stack of links on the left side of the home page. The information you submit will be used to update the 2005 Roster which will be published in January.

Ford Station

MLS was granted a one time extension of 180 days on the building permit. The building must be completed by April 7, 2005. We need to make this project our number one priority. Project manager Dewey Mills is looking for a few good construction experts (People willing to do the job).

Fall Meet Notes

Tom Bee enjoyed the "Tom Bee Sid-ing" in Adobe West Yard so much that he donated two sets of modern freight

car trucks as a sign of his appreciation. The club then purchased five more pairs of trucks for use on future hopper cars. Terry Cummings joined MLS and donated four train video tapes to the fall meet raffle.

New Members

I am pleased to welcome these new members:

Francis Brostrom
7123 Sutton Place
Fairview TN 37062

Terry Cummings
3046 Capri Lane
Costa Mesa CA 92626

Tom and Donna Knorr
5629 W. Butler Drive
Chandler AZ 85226

Bill and Sue Waterworth
2134 W. Cactus Wren Drive
Phoenix AZ 85021
And their grand children
Sarah and Zachary Sutton
11673 N. 153rd Ave.
Surprise AZ 85379

Cameron Wilson
211 Poplary POB 487
Poncha Springs CO 81242

Michael and Maria Plover
762 Hazelwood Drive
North Wales PA 19454

Rhyce and Connie Moore
9257 N. Linger Lane
Park City UT 84098

Barry Kolesar
15677 W. Edgemont Ave.
Goodyear AZ 85338

Bob Douglas

2005 officers to be elected at Nov. 13 business meeting

A ballot for the election of officers for 2005 has been included in this issue of *Stack Talk*. Ballots will also be available at the meeting, and can be downloaded from our web site. There are three ways to vote:

1. You can vote in person at the November 13th meeting which begins at 9 a.m.

2. You may mail your ballot to election chairman William Lowe, 16622 N. 33rd Ave., Phoenix AZ 85053. It must be received on or before November 12.

3. You may have someone bring your ballot to the meeting.

All ballots must be signed by the voting member. *If you are not voting in person, your signature on the ballot must be notarized.*

Minutes of the October Meeting

Maricopa Live Steamers Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting, October 9, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Perry McCully.

The minutes of the September meeting were read by secretary Stephanie Marks. Motion by Charlie Downs to accept, seconded by Jerry Moore. Motion passed with two corrections:

- Karen Roderick made the motion to send the thank you flowers, not Perry McCully;
- The 4402 is restricted, with the 4403 as a backup.

The treasurer's report was provided by Bob Douglas. Motion to accept by Bill Pardee, seconded by Bob Alkire. Motion passed.

Announcements

Paul Arnt is unable to continue as Superintendent of Operations (Rolling Stock). Lenny Rossow has been appointed as the new Superintendent of Operations (Rolling Stock).

Bill Lowe has been appointed Track Maintenance Superintendent.

Old Business

Cliff Fought made a motion to allocate \$160 for another trash container providing an additional 30 days of use in order to finish cleaning up the scrap yard. Motion passed.

Charlie Downs reminded all members and guests to please avoid using the handicap parking spaces. These spaces are reserved for vehicles with a designated handicap sticker or plate.

Betty Moore noted that everything for the fall meet is on target. We are still looking for volunteers to help where ever needed. We will kick off the event with a spaghetti dinner Friday night, all you can eat, for \$5. Signage will be put into place for the raffles.

A separate raffle will be held for the flat car, at \$5 a ticket.

Bob Douglas noted that dues have been paid for 103 members = 46 regular, 26 spouses, 14 non-resident and 17 junior members.

Jim Brown discussed the signal system for the fall meet. Everyone running an engine during the meet will need to meet with the chief dispatcher before running an engine. This is because we will be running the Werner branch without signals. All other branches are up and running. Charlie Downs will email an update to the Stack Talk list to remind everyone to register for the meet. We are also in the process of finishing

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the tower remodeling project. An additional donation is needed for a flat screen monitor, estimated cost is \$220. If you'd like to donate to this project, please see Bob Douglas.

New Business

A motion was made by Michelle Winkler to use the party donations to purchase new tables for the patio and the station. As new tables are purchased, the picnic tables can be moved back into the park. Seconded by Cliff Fought. Motion passed.

Jim Brown made a motion to remove the restriction on the 4402, seconded by Cliff Fought. Motion did not pass by a hand vote of 16 yes and 18 no.

Jim Brown discussed the signal system report. We are in the process of updating the signals on all lines. The signal committee recommends converting the Werner Branch to the same signal system as the other three. A motion was made by Jim Brown to authorize the transfer of \$550 a month for 3 months, October, November and December, to the signal fund to cover expenses. Seconded by Ken Bain. Motion passed.

Jim Brown asked for help in the dis-

patch tower. It's a very simple operation and training will be provided.

Cliff Fought discussed the tunnel project. Still considering the use of two steel culverts, 20ft long, at a cost of \$1,100 each.

Saguaro Central is having a meeting today at 1:00 pm in the trailer at Pottsville.

Bob Douglas made a motion to add \$500 to the track maintenance fund. The current balance is zero. Seconded by Bob Alkire. Motion passed.

Please mark any bad spots on the track with a blue block for the maintenance crew to check and repair. Blocks are available at Adobe Station.

The transfer table extension fund is also at zero. An additional \$400 is needed to finish the project. Motion by Ken Bain to move \$400 to the transfer table fund. Seconded by Jerry Moore. Motion passed.

A motion was made to reinstate the use of straddle cars on Sunday run days. Seconded by John Draftz. The motion was tabled and will be submitted to the safety committee for review. Some of the straddle cars have advertising on the sides. These cars need to be located.

Motion by Charlie Downs to adjourn. Seconded by Bill Pardee. Motion passed.

Stephanie Marks

Sometimes things go wrong in Colorado

Jim Manley sent us photos taken by Bette Fineman, one of his dad's neighbors, of an incident on the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad in Colorado when a crosshead key failed resulting in the failure of a piston head on locomotive 484.

Stack Talk contacted the Cumbres and Toltec asking for more information about the incident and received a reply within a few hours from Mark V. Yates, the railroad's chief dispatcher.

We're fortunate that the Cumbres and Toltec is alive and well, and that they and the Durango & Silverton Railroad are preserving nine vintage Baldwins. Here's what Mr. Yates wrote:

Locomotive 484 was built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in August 1925 at the Eddystone, PA shops. It is one of 10 locomotives built, nos. 480-489. They were originally classified as the 189 Class and later reclassified as the K36 Class. The "K" indicates mikado or 2-8-2 for the Rio Grande and the 36 represents the tractive effort of the locomotive (36,000 pounds). These were the last new narrow gauge locomotives built for the D&RGW. The K37

Class, which followed between 1928 and 1930, were built from C-41 Class locomotives ("C" for consolidation or 2-8-0 and "41" representing the tractive effort).

Of the ten K36s built, nine survive. The 485 was scrapped in 1955 by the Rio Grande after it went into the turntable pitat Salida, Colorado. The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is fortunate to have five of these locomotives, Nos. 483, 484, 487, 488 and 489. The other four are at the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Nos. 480, 481, 482 and 486.

Regarding the incident you refer to in your email, on Tuesday, June 8th after departing Chama for Antonito, the left crosshead key sheared into several pieces around milepost 338.6. With nothing securing the piston rod in the crosshead but the tapers of the rod and the crosshead, it quickly worked loose (within 60 feet) and went through the piston head. The locomotive quickly came to a halt (within 15 feet) as it could not pull the seven cars up the 4 percent grade on just one piston. The train was backed up to a road

A message from the Meet Chairman

We would like to thank the following people for their donations, which helped to make our Fall Meet such a great success:

- AJ's, Store #63, 10 cases of water
- David and Ellen Augustine for the updated Places to Stay and Places to Eat List
- Tom Bee, Royal Oak, Mich., set of srucks for rRaffle
- Charlie Downs for the great Name Tags
- Paul Karczewski for the Flat Car for our Raffle, won by Rory Hawkins of California
- Jami and Bill Lowe for ice for all four days
- Steve McCollough, Kalil Bottling Company, for 10 cases of soda
- Betty Ann McCully for the RR Dog in the raffle
- Terry Cummings and Vallhalla Video for three wonderful videotapes for the raffle. (Terry joined MLS before he left the meet).
- Bill Unglaube for most of the rest of the items in the raffle

I personally would like to thank all of our members who volunteered their time to act as Yard Masters, Station Masters and Dispatchers. Very special thank yous go to Margaret Ann Bain for being at the registration desk for all four days and Bob Wittman for manning the Concessions Tent for three full days. We could not have succeeded without your help.

The breakfasts were cooked to perfection by Karen Roderick and Stephanie Marks and served by Joyce Nelson. The lunches were hosted by Judy Fought and family. The pot luck was superb, thanks to Betty Ann McCully and Judy Fought. As for the Spaghetti Dinner, what can I say, except that there was not a drop left (thanks to Michelle Winkler's sauce monitoring)

Thank you all. If I missed mentioning your name please know that I do appreciate what you did. You made this Fall Meet a great success. Now we are looking forward to our 2005 Spring Meet.

Betty Jane Moore

Colorado

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crossing 1/10th of a mile where waiting busses picked up the passengers. The train was then backed to Chama, where the locomotive was taken to the shop for repairs. New studs and crosshead key were made and the piston head replaced. The locomotive was returned to service on Saturday, June 12th.

I hope this answers your question. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

Thank you for your interest in the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.

Sincerely, Mark V. Yates, Chief Dispatcher





Maricopa Live Steamers Railroad Heritage Preservation Society Official Ballot

2004 Election of Officers and Board Members

Only regular members and regular spousal members in good standing are eligible to vote

President

Perry McCully Yes

Robert Diehl, Sr. Yes

Write-in (name) _____

Vice President

Betty Moore Yes No

Write-in (name) _____

Secretary

Stephanie Marks Yes No

Write-in (name) _____

Treasurer

Bob Douglas Yes No

Write-in (name) _____

Board of Directors

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN THREE

Ken Bain Yes

Dan Borders Yes

Chris Borders Yes

Barry Bridges Yes

Charlie Downs Yes

John Draftz Yes

Cliff Fought Yes

Judy Fought Yes

Tina Knoell Yes

Kenneth Pratt Yes

Karen Roderick Yes

Gary Smith Yes

Michelle Winkler Yes

Write-in (name) _____

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If you are casting this ballot in person at the November 13 meeting, sign your name below. If you mail in your ballot or have another person bring it to the meeting, *sign your name below before a notary public and have the ballot notarized.*

After this ballot is cast and deemed valid, this portion below the dotted line will be detached by the election committee before votes are counted.

Signature _____

Sworn before me this _____ day of November, 2004

Notary Public My commission expires _____