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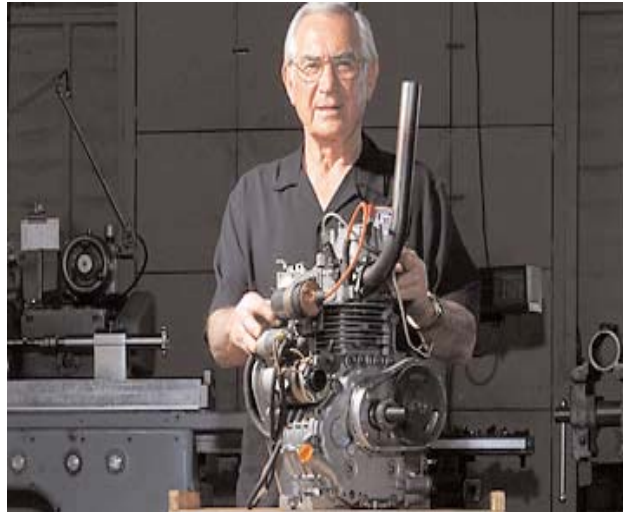
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News from the President



Jim Manley

Wow, what a meet. We had more than 150 people sign in. I will remember more names after this goes to print but here goes. Joe Schnyder did an outstanding job as meet coordinator. Many thanks to him. Thanks to the guys from Nevada that came early and worked on track for us. Thanks to Jim Ashcraft and Jim Theobald for manning the welcome table. Thanks to Ken and Margaret Ann Bain for manning the money table. Jim Brown, Pete Pennarts, Jerry Smolyk and Ed Ryan covered dispatching to ensure things ran smoothly. (Most of the time, right, Jerry?) I know I saw Stephanie working as a yard master. Bill Pardee worked hard on getting the signals at the far end of Werner operational. Bill Myers ran around as his usual self doing the "whatever needs to be done" stuff. Bob Alkire worked hard on his peach cobbler for us. The folks that helped in the kitchen during the meals deserve our thanks. There are so many people that need to be thanked I won't be able to remember them all or fit them in here. To everyone not mentioned by name but that helped out, thank you very, very much. It is because of you that these meets are so successful.



Time Magazine

Is this the return of steam?

The future of automotive technology may lie in the past. Bruce Crowder, 77, an auto-racing designer with a thriving business in San Diego, has invented a hybrid steam engine in which water is sprayed into a tra-

ditional gasoline-powered cylinder, turning waste heat into usable energy. How much energy? Enough to travel 40% farther on a gallon of gas. For more information, go to www.crowder.com

The meals were tasty, weren't they? The spaghetti dinner caused me to gain three pounds at least, I'm sure. There was plenty of food for the potluck. Did I mention Bob Alkire brought his peach cobbler? I loved the entertainment that was provided for us during the potluck dinner. What's better than banjo music played by railroaders while eating a potluck with a bunch of live steamers? Not much in my book. Thank you guys, for playing for us and with us.

As I mentioned we had more than 150 people sign in. We had folks from 14 different states and one Canadian, eh, that registered. To my knowledge, Paul Karczewski had the roughest time getting to the meet. It took Paul two days to get from Florida...by plane. (Sometimes you really can appreciate living here; not many tornadoes.) We had our long time members, like Roger Netz, present and I even met some folks

who had just been introduced to the hobby by Jerry Smolyk. Despite all the headaches that go with it, being President of a club like ours really affords you the opportunity to see some really neat things, hear some amazing stories and meet some interesting people.

After running non-stop for five days, what's a railroader to do? You need to take a break and relax. Let me tell you, I found just the place. For Christmas last year, my wife and I received a gift certificate for a night at the Karrels' Double K Ranch Bed and Breakfast in Tucson. We used it the following weekend after the meet. If you like trains, peace and quiet, trains, birding, trains, excellent breakfasts, trains and well, trains, then this is the place for you. I felt like I stepped into the punch line for an Olive Garden com-

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The Vice President's Corner



Bill Myers

I want to thank all of you in the club for making our guests feel welcome and extending your hand to help out to make our fall meet a great success. I have gotten dozens of people tell me how nice our grounds and track is, and how we are so friendly with our guests. I think we do have a very special club with members being warm and outgoing.

We had very few problems that I am aware of with track and switches. Tom Harrington not only finds switch problems, he actually repairs the problem, Thanks Tom!

We had a couple small derails, but most was from backing over switches, or leaning out to take a picture of dirt. Our friends were very good at picking up after them-

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mercial as in "When you're here, you're family." MLS members Ken and Mary Karrels welcomed us into what is in fact their home. Ken spent the first two hours of our arrival showing us the trains and everything else in and around the house. After dinner and a nice long soak in the hot tub, we retired to the caboose for the night. [See photo next page, Ed.] The caboose has everything you need. There is a bathroom, a shower/tub, a mini-fridge, a TV/VCR, radio/CD player. The bed is only a double bed and can get quite cozy if you are used to a king size bed like we are. There are also a couple of bunk beds if you need space to stretch out as we did. When morning arrived I set out to play with the garden scale trains which was

selves. Again, thanks to all who were helping out. The boys from Las Vegas were here for a week before working on our track and helping fine tune everything for the meet. It shows how much was done by the lack of problems.

Any suggestions for making the meets more fun, please write us with comments. We would like to post all reply's and get feedback. How was the food, how did you do with the windstorm, do you like the new track conditions, etc, etc, etc.

We had great turnout for our safety meetings. Bud Waterworth did a fine job in making sure all our guest's knew about snakes and scorpions. Since that was his first time giving the information, I thought he did well. Thanks Bud!

With winter approaching soon, make sure you have warm water, tire chains, sand for traction over the Arntchoo return line, and drain your boiler pipes so they don't freeze. I have seen a lot of rabbits returning from Wal-Mart with supplies. Its going to be a long winter here in Phoenix if that has anything to do with it.

Ride safe.....We're all in this together. We're pullin' for ya,

Bill

interrupted by a delicious breakfast prepared by Mary and Ken. Ken has a new slogan he is considering, "Gauges for all ages." This is because in addition to the garden scale trains and the caboose, Ken now has a 1000 foot loop of 7.5" gauge track with a small switcher and riding car. Now I'm asking you, trains and food, does this sound familiar? If not, start reading from the beginning of the article again. (Unfortunately Bob Alkire wasn't there with his peach cobbler.) Anyway, one night didn't do the place justice. Next time, we have decided, will be at least two nights and we will try the Depot Room. If you decide to try them out, make sure you mention you are from MLS. You will be taken care of.

Now that the meet is over and I

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Treasurer's Notes



Bob Douglas

The Fall Meet was a huge success thanks to Meet coordinator Joe Schnyder and his volunteers. The outstanding weather helped making "Training" an absolute joy. Our guests were impressed not only by the improvements made on the Adobe Western Railroad but more importantly by the friendliness of the MLS members. Thank you to all of the members and spouses who worked hard to make the meet a success.

So far, 106 members have paid their 2008 membership dues. Have you paid yours? If not, please send your check to me as early as possible. MLS Membership Renewal Forms are available on-line and in Ford Station.

During the month of October, MLS train crews made 53 trips carrying a total of 906 passengers on five run days

Be sure to attend the election at the November meeting and cast your vote.

MLS extends a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined recently.

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have relaxed and recuperated it's time for the next big item on the agenda. The Toy Drive and the MLS Night Lights (or at least that's what I'm calling it for now. If you have a better name, let me know). The night runs will be Friday and Saturday, Dec 7th and 8th from 6 to 9 p.m. I don't have any run crews set up yet. If you can help please let me know. Also, if you would like to help decorate we can use your help. I took five inflatable decorations and over 75 boxes of lights out to the park today and that is just my contribution to this. There are others that are doing similar things. As such we need to borrow your extension cords, power splitters, generators, etc. Please let me know if you have anything you can loan us. I really hope this turns into a successful event that we can continue doing in the future. Other places do it and it's fun, so why not us?

See you at the park soon,

Jim Manley



Above, the Karrels' on the newly refurbished Southern Pacific Caboose #1901. Below, the luxurious Depot Room with a four-poster queen bed, twin beds, private entrance and shower. There's much more to see at www.doublekranch.com.



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Bob Douglas

Thanks from Sahuaro Central

By Ken Bain

On behalf of Sahuaro Central I want to thank Maricopa Live Steamers for their support of the Fall Swap Meet on Saturday, October 27, 2007. The train rides were an additional attraction for the swap meet attendees. The volunteer crew consisted of Jim Ashcraft, Ken Bain, Cliff Fought, John Lovely, Mike Russell, Marty Simmon and Bud Waterworth. With that many qualified people we were able to operate two trains for most of the time and provide rides for 176 visitors. This was an increase over the 140 passengers we had for the 2007 Spring Swap Meet.

Several of the passengers had complements for MLS on the facility and the train ride. They must have enjoyed their experience because they were quite generous with their donations which go toward the operation of Sahuaro Central.

Thanks very much MLS.

Fall Meet Guest Roundup

By Ken Bain

Another great meet! I don't think we have ever had a bad one. Sometimes it's been a bit hot, sometimes a bit cold and sometimes a bit wet. But this year mother nature gifted us with ideal weather on Friday and Saturday. Sorry about the dust late Saturday.

We had 76 out-of-state guests for this meet which was a slight increase from the 72 guests that attended our Spring 2007 and Fall 2006 meets. Our guests came from 16 states plus Edmonton, Canada. They came from all across the country, from Rhode Island to California, from Washington to Texas.

The attendance breakdown:
California 25
Colorado 6
Edmonton, Alberta 1

Florida 1
Kansas 2
Michigan 2
Nebraska 1
Nevada 13
New Mexico 5
Oklahoma 1
Oregon 2
Rhode Island 1
Texas 5
Utah 4
Washington 5
Wisconsin 1
Wyoming 1

I want to offer congratulations to Trudy and Bruno Platzer. After many years of work they have finally obtained land in Las Vegas for their new train park. We'll be looking forward to the time when we can attend their train meet in Las Vegas.

We hope everyone had such a good time that they will be back for our future meets. It was our pleasure to be their hosts.

You may bring this ballot to the November 10th membership meeting or mail it to: Stephanie Marks, 24633 N. 45th Dr., Glendale, AZ 85310 for delivery by November 9th.



**Maricopa Live Steamers
 Railroad Heritage Preservation Society
 Ballot for the Election of 2008
 Officers and Board Members**

Regular and spousal members in good standing are eligible to vote.

For President:

Jim ManleyYes No

Write-in Name: _____

For Vice President:

Bill MyersYes No

Write-in Name: _____

For Treasurer:

Bob DouglasYes No

Write-in Name: _____

For Secretary:

Stephanie MarksYes No

Write-in Name: _____

For Board of Directors: (Vote for no more than 3)

Ken BainYes

Cliff FoughtYes

Perry McCullyYes

Betty MooreYes

Pete PennartsYes

Bud WaterworthYes

Write-in Name: _____

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Print your name: _____

Sign your name: _____

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Maricopa Live Steamers
ANNUAL TOY DRIVE



**Saturday, December 8 & Sunday December 9, 2007
12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
PLEASE BRING TOYS TO THE CLUB HOUSE
BEGINNING OCTOBER 22, 2007
OR MAKE A DONATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF BICYCLES
Contact: Betty Moore, 623-687-7395
OUR 2007 GOAL: 75 BICYCLES**

News from the Toy Drive Chairman



The 2007 MLS Toy Drive will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 8th and 9th, from noon to 5:00 p.m. We need volunteers to run the public on both days. We also need Toys. Again, I am counting on your help.

Between now and December we will collect toys for the Toy Drive. A table will be set up in the Clubhouse with special signage for the collection.

We are also collecting funds to purchase bicycles. We donated 58

bikes last year. Our goal for 2007 is 75 bicycles. Please give your donations to me. I will give the treasurer a list of the donors and amounts donated.

Such a deal! Just \$35.00 will buy one bike, \$175 will buy five. Please be generous. Christmas is all about the children, and so are we.

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

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suggestions and submissions.

MLS CALENDAR

Saturday, November 10
9 a.m.: Board Meeting
10 a.m.: Membership Meeting
and
Election of Officers

Sunday, November 11
Noon to 5 p.m.: Public Rides