



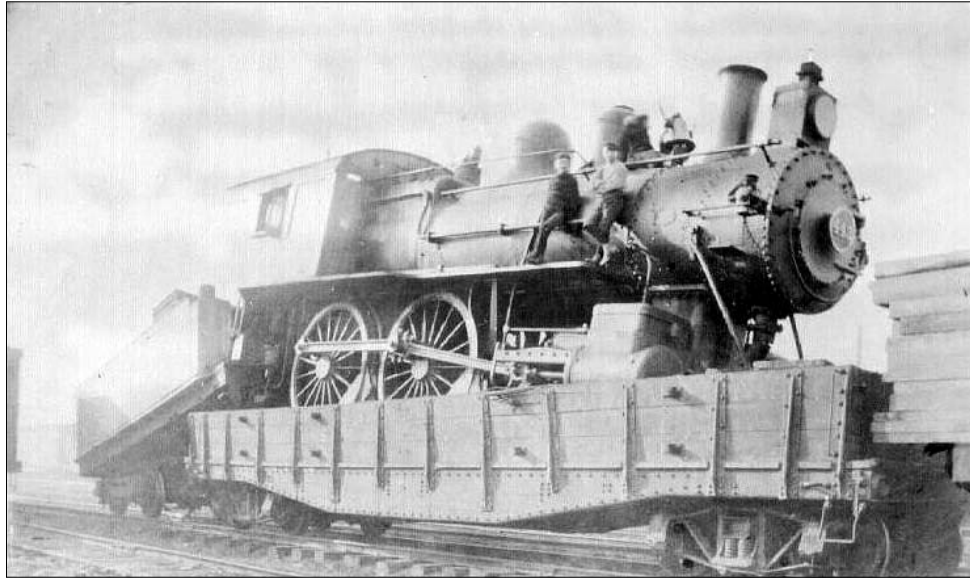
STACK TALK

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That almost works, Perry, but we need a shorter loco or a longer gondola

News from the President



Perry McCully

As of September 1st, the county is lifting the fire band in the entire Maricopa County parks system. This does not preclude us from running steam engines willy-nilly. We have a lot of fuel in our 150-acre park. Needless to say let's be very careful running the steam engines. It would be a good idea to bring a shovel along with you. Or you steamer guys could organize a date to come out and help clean the track so it would be safer to run your engines. Just a thought.

Fall meet is fast approaching and

there are lots of things to pick up around the park. At the September and October meetings I will have a trailer there to pick up junk. Please stick around after the meeting so we can pick stuff up. If you don't want to pick up stuff please go out and help work on track. Arntchoo and West Werner need a lot of work.

On the 17th of September the Bobcat and lots of ballast will be at the park to re-ballast the Arntchoo branch beyond the gates. Please come out and help get this branch up and running before the Fall Meet.

The clubhouse is nearing completion on the inside. A brand new stove has been installed and counter tops are coming soon. Some file cabinets have come our way thanks to John Draftz, and thanks, Mike Russell, for the stove. It's very nice of both of you to contribute. Debbie Manley has volunteered to help keep the clubhouse neat and clean. Please help her keep the place clean by picking up after yourself.

The board has decided not to restrict use of any of the engines. You have to

remember we need these engines to pull the public on Sunday. If they get broken and nobody reports them broken or they are abused then this could change the policy on the engines. There are a lot of people that like to use these engines and cars. Be respectful of the equipment so everyone can use it.

Concrete is being poured on the 10th of September. I don't have a time yet. Hopefully it will be before the meeting that starts at 9 a.m. Come out and help.

Thanks to you all that came out to help on the Pottsville branch. A lot of work got done on that track this past weekend.

Thanks goes out to all that helped with the Ice Cream Social. If you weren't there you missed a cool treat.

Membership dues are due between October 1st and 31st. Please get yours in soon.

Have a happy and safe Labor Day weekend.

It's still very hot, drink lots of water and take it easy in the park. Safety first. Happy Railroading.

Perry McCully



Betty Jane Moore

News from the Vice President

Our next general membership and board meeting will be held on September 10 at 9 a.m. in Ford Station. At 8 a.m. we will conduct a training session for all members who have volunteered to work on Sundays pulling the public. Public runs begin on Sunday the 11th at noon. These sessions are required for all volunteers. Please plan on attending.

The Fall Meet is fast approaching. We have quite a few registrations already. We need volunteers every Saturday to assist with work on the routes so that all will be in good working order for the Meet. Please, Please, Please come out and help.

A special thank you to all who came out on August 27th to help with the Pottsville Branch.

A very special thank you to all who have responded to our letter for help.

Happy rails to you, until we meet again.

Betty Moore

P.S. The Knot Rocks are multiplying at a rapid rate at Fisher. I don't know how the Flamingos will react when they return.



Bob Douglas

Treasurer's Notes

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN

Annual dues are due October 1st. Please complete the Dues Form found in this issue of *Stack Talk*. The form is also available on our web site. Indicate what you can do to help make Adobe western railroad Park the best miniature railroad in the country. Avoid the holiday billing blues by paying your MLS dues promptly.

The Board of Directors is in the

Stack Talk—September 2005 progress of setting up an annual budget. Membership dues will cover only 80% of the club's fixed costs consisting of utilities, insurance and park maintenance. A small additional contribution will help defray these expenses. All new projects and facility improvements must be funded by public and member contributions.

Another public ride season has arrived. The safety committee has made several physical and procedural changes to improve passenger safety on the Adobe Western Railroad. The Operating Rules found on our web site will be amended soon to reflect these changes.

Bob Douglas

You can help reduce the cost of mailing *Stack Talk*

We mail 95 copies of *Stack Talk* to MLS members each month at a cost of \$35.13. That adds up to \$421.56 a year.

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MLS CALENDAR

The September business meeting will be held Saturday, September 10, beginning at 9 a.m. A training session for all members who have volunteered to work on Sundays pulling the public will begin at 8 a.m. the same day. Public rides resume Sunday, September 11.





2006 MLS Membership Dues Form

Please complete this application and mail it with your check to:

Maricopa Live Steamers

Attn: Bob Douglas

2 West Kathleen Road

Phoenix AZ 85023-3649

MLS annual dues for 2006 are due on October 1, 2005.

If you fail to pay by December 31, 2005, your membership will be terminated.

Regular Membership: \$75

Non-resident Membership: \$30

Spousal Membership (List Name Below) 10

Junior Membership under 18 years (List Names Below) . . \$10

Club Locomotive Use Fee (First Year): \$100

Initiation Fee (New members only): \$50

Additional Contribution to Support Club Operations. \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

The following information will be used to produce a membership roster.

It is not made public and is distributed only to MLS members.

Member name: _____

Spouse's name: _____

Junior Member names: _____

Is the information in the 2005 Roster Correct? Yes No Please make corrections below.

Member's email address: _____

Spouse's email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

City, state, ZIP: _____

Home phone (optional): _____

Cell phone (optional): _____

Work phone (optional): _____

Do you have equipment stored on MLS property? Yes No

Have you paid the optional Locomotive Use Fee in the past? Yes No

What would you like see improved or added at the park?

What would you volunteer to do to meet the above goal?

