



STACK TALK

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So that's what the underside of a locomotive looks like!

News from the President



Perry McCully

Six months have gone by and so much has been done, and so much still needs to be done. Track repairs, weed clean up, and clearing hazards along the right of way—this is just a short list of things that need to be done before we start pulling the public. Please come out and help get

it done. The clubhouse could use a slightly used stove, and if you can drop by Costco, they have some inexpensive folding chairs you could bring to the ice cream social. They're a little over \$18.00. If everyone came to the meeting with a chair, everyone would have one to sit on.

The Grand Canyon RR is looking for an owner-operator of a steam engine to run a train around a huge Christmas tree for about 35 days. This is about all I know at this point. If you are interested in spending the Christmas season in Williams just let me know.

The tractor club is having a party on our patio September 24 at 5 p.m. I need at least two train crews. Please let me know if you would like to give train rides that evening. Food will be provided for crews. About 75 people will be attending.

Christmas and New Years are on Sunday this year. We will be CLOSED to the public. Speaking of Christmas, Mike Russell is heading up the Christmas Party Decorating Committee and could use some help. Please contact him if you would like to help.

We send our best wishes for a quick recovery to Larry Reynolds who is recuperating from heart bypass surgery.

There are some changes coming that all the club members need to hear. It would be nice if you all could be at this Aug. meeting. Part of the job of MLS is to promote this park and one way to do that is pulling the public. We get more new members by being open on Sundays. Safety is very very important not only for this club but also to the public in our park. Think safety. Happy railroading. Come and enjoy some ice cream.



Betty Jane Moore

News from the Vice-president

August is finally upon us, hopefully bringing temperatures down a bit. This will certainly make it a little easier for all the volunteer workers at the park. There is much to do to get ready for the public in September and the Meet in October. I will be mailing letters and blank roosters to all regular Arizona members in the next week or so. The Board is requesting that you sign up for at least three hours per month. The Sunday runs are broken down into two three-hour shifts, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Track maintenance and various park projects are done on Saturday mornings, 8 a.m. to noon. Once we have a Duty Rooster filled in we can assign jobs. This park belongs to all of us and all of us need to pitch in and help

maintain it. Everything can be accomplished if we each give three hours per month. After the work we play trains.

Remember to come to the next meeting and Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 13. Keep smiling.

Happy rails to you, until we meet again.

P.S. Bob Douglas tells me that quite a few Knot Rocks have arrived at Fisher. I don't think the Flamingos will be able to eat them but perhaps the Knot People can use them to build Knot Houses.



Bob Douglas

Treasurer's Notes

Ford Station has passed all city inspections and MLS has received the official Certificate of Occupancy. However, we still have work to do. The floor needs to be finished and the kitchen needs counters and appliances.

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Now there is time to concentrate on other projects in the park. The safety committee has defined some public safety issues. All hazards need to be removed from any area that is accessible by the public. Cliff, Perry and crew are installing crowd control fencing at Adobe Station. The fence was hijacked from one member's granddaughter's pool.

The Pottsville track replacement team ran out of material and was about to take a hike when, just in time, Bill Unglaube came to the rescue by donating all of his unused rail, ties and ballast to the club. Now the team has no excuse to take another vacation.

Construction will get underway soon on the West Yard and the West End Development projects. So now is the time to plan for a rail order. Any member who is interested in purchasing rail should contact me. Al Ford is also taking orders for trucks and couplers. He is trying to get them delivered at the Fall Meet.

A reminder to container owners: You have one year from the container delivery date to build false fronts and sides (if required). Also, there is to be no material in the space between containers unless both ends are enclosed. Any unwanted material should be deposited in the dumpster or brought to Lizard Lip for disposal in the next large dumpster by October 1st.

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MLS CALENDAR

The August Business Meeting and Ice Cream Social will be held Saturday, August 13, beginning at 6 p.m. Matters of far-reaching importance will be discussed. Plan to attend.