



STACK TALK

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You could be in this picture

July 16, 17 and 18 if you make it to the "Beat the Heat Meet" at Kevin and Michelle Rowell's home in Show Low. Hop on the Beeline Highway, drive to Payson. Take 260 west to Show Low. Turn right on N. White Mountain Road (Highway 73), then turn right on Fawn Brook. The address is 1208 Fawn Brook. Their phone number is 928-537-8806. A detailed map with turn-by-turn driving instructions is available on our web site at www.maricopalivesteamers.com/lbn.html

Treasurer Bob Douglas proposes MLS dues increase

Article III, Section 1 of the MLS bylaws states "Dues and fees shall be approved at a regular meeting of the membership." Bob Douglas made a motion at the June business meeting to increase the regular membership dues from \$50 to \$100; non-resident dues from \$25 to \$30; the spousal membership dues from \$5 to \$10; and junior membership dues from \$5 to \$10. Members will be asked to vote on the motion at the August 14th meeting. The meeting (and Ice Cream Social) will begin at 6 p.m.

Have you checked Late Breaking News lately?

Our web site is being updated constantly, often daily. You don't want to miss the latest news about our railroad, do you?. Hie thee to www.maricopalivesteamers.com.

Lock on Adobe City tower is changed

Because of the despicable, cowardly act of vandalism perpetrated upon the club last month when Adobe Tower computer hard drives were erased, we have decided to change the lock on the tower door.

If you feel you need a key, contact the Construction Superintendent. In case you don't know, that's me, **Adobe Al**.

More members opt for email delivery of Stack Talk

Thanks to the hard work of Karen Roderick who has been telephoning members to ask if they would like to receive *Stack Talk* by email rather than by U.S. Mail, we have been able to reduce the the number of copies we must

print and mail each month from 180 to 126, saving the club about \$800 a year. Some members have yet to be contacted.

If you would like to receive *Stack Talk* in Adobe Acrobat format by email rather than receiving a \$1.20 paper copy in the U.S. Mail, please call Karen at 480-994-5808. If you reach her voice mail, just leave your email address. Or send Karen email at karenr@wellhealedmac.com.

If you do not already have Adobe Acrobat Reader software (you most likely do), which will automatically open the email version, it is available at no cost from Adobe at www.adobe.com.

Club locomotives are healthy again

President Perry McCully called the other day to report that locomotive 7282 is again in service, and that 4402 has been repaired and awaits testing with a

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full load. Locomotive 4403 is in fine shape.

Members who have paid the one-time \$100 locomotive usage fee may operate the locomotives any time they are not being used to pull the public.

Steam is alive in Thailand?

More than 2,700 people visited the MLS web site in June, an average of a little more than 90 visits per day.

Those who found our web site using search engines looked most often for Maricopa Live Steamers, 1.5 inch scale trains, or live steam locomotives.

Visitors from outside the U.S. were from many countries including the U.K., Canada, Australia, Portugal, and Thailand.

You're welcome to view our web site's monthly statistical history. Just look for "Web Site Stats" on our home page.

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We welcome your comments, suggestions and submissions

The next MLS business meeting
(and Ice Cream Social)
will be held August 14 at 6 p.m.