



STACK TALK

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The Official News Letter of the Adobe Mountain Railroad
Phoenix Arizona, Operated by the Maricopa Live Steamers
Railroad Heritage Preservation Society,

UP-COMING MEETS

2015 FALL MEET OCT. 29, 30, 31 NOV 1

2016 OPS MEET JAN. 14, 15 16 17

2016 SPRING MEET MARCH 17, 18, 19, 20

It is about 8 weeks before we are open again. The park could use a little help in the clean up department. Weeds to clean up around the station and yard, steaming bays, we need to make a good impression on our guests when they arrive.

We will need engineers to run the trains, so take your test and get ready for the fun of watching our guests having a good time. Yes, you might just have some fun running the train as well.

Pete Pennarts, Bill Lowe and their helpers have been working very hard on the Adobe Station area and are doing a great job, (just needs paint). If you know how to use a paint brush see Pete, I am sure that he can fix you right up. Please come out and see what has been done.

Terry Liesegang and Bob Douglas and their merry gang have been hard at work making track panels, cutting ties, installing track on Arutchoo sub. I have been



told that the track is all tied together and just needs ballasting, leveling and tamping.

Frank Behrle and Mickey Janzen have hauled numerous trains of ballast to dress Far flung Flats sub and other branch lines. Thank you for all the miles logged.

Fred Greenwald and Mike Grant have been working on the Locos and the rolling stock, it has been an all summer job. I saw Fred the other day and he had more grease on his shirt than on the equipment. I think he does that just so we will think he has done something.

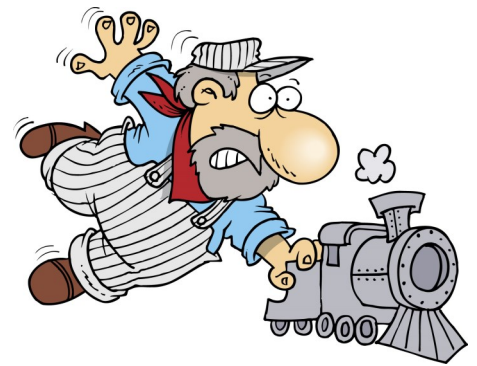
The whole club should put their hands together and thank all of those that have worked so hard this summer, JOB WELL DONE THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Over the last few months we have had items appear at the club and have no idea where they came from, or what they are to be used for, in the future, please do not bring anything to the club without checking with a board member first. It costs the club money to dispose of articles we do not need or want. We know that you mean well, but sometimes it just does not work out.

I apologize for any names left out in acknowledgment.

Thank You

Cliff



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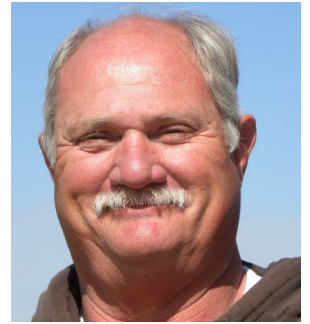
Dave Griner says “due to technical difficulties the August Chapter will be held over till September”. He just got a new computer and is still figuring out how to get the boiler up to temperature.



Pete's Corner

Well work on the Railroad continues. Arthcoo is almost done with main track in place. Ballasting and leveling still need to be completed.

Our Station area has had a make-over. The store building was moved to a new location with fencing and gates. Double doors were added to display items for sale. This was done to make more room in the station area. Our engine repair crew has rebuilt 7282 drive system with new gearboxes.



Sunday runs and our Fall Meet will soon be here. We need help getting the park ready. If anyone has free time they can donate either during the week or on the weekends, it would be greatly appreciated. Please come out and share your talents or (untalented hands too) since we do have things that need to be done/completed.

Sunday runs will be starting in September. We need Train Crews and Volunteers. This will help with promoting our hobby, as well as, providing some funds needed to operate. We also need Volunteers for our upcoming Fall Meet being held the end of October. Please let me know if you are able to give your time for this event.

We are also in need of raffle items for the Fall Meet. If you any Train items to donate, they will be appreciated.

Just a reminder to all Engineers; anyone planning to run trains will need to take the Engineer's Exam. As per our operating rules, all MLS Engineers need to take the Engineer's exam to run trains on the railroad.

Well, that's about all I have to say. Remember we can't keep the MSL Park running without your help. Please come out and give us a hand!

Reminders:

Keep hydrated with water during the hot summer season.

Keep a watch out for any slithering friends (snakes) that may appear.

Keep the Trains running!

Pete

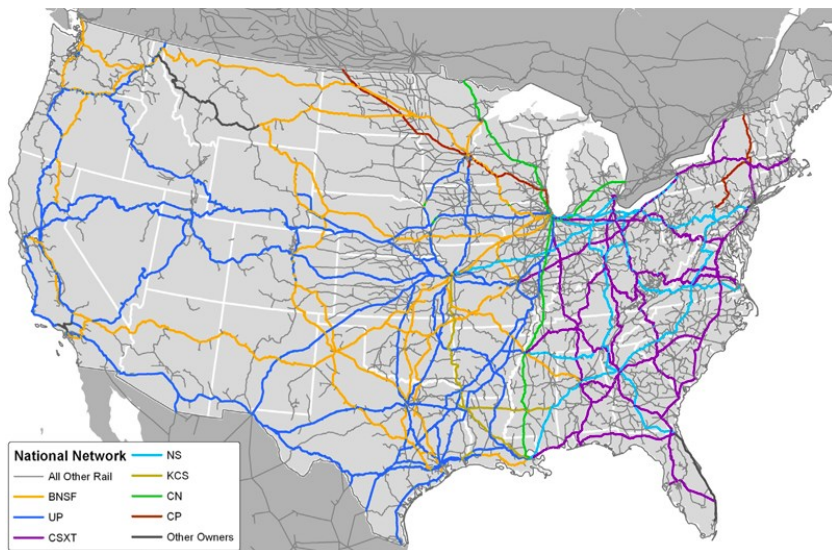


The Railroad

The Railroad Capital

By: Gabe Zorbas

Where is the capital of the United States? The majority of people might answer “Washington, D.C.” However, for those of us foamers, there is a different answer; Chicago, Illinois. Located on the east of Michigan Lake, Chicago is a prime location for railroads, so much so that the two major railroads of the west, Union Pacific and BNSF, and the two major railroads of the east, CSX and Norfolk Southern, all meet in Chicago. In fact, every major railroad in Canada and America meet in Chicago, making it the only city to have all the major railroads meet, that includes Amtrak, Via Rail, Canadian Pacific and Canadian National. That does not include all the minor railroads servicing Chicago. Last month, I had the chance to visit Chicago, and see the railroad capital of the world.



Are first stop is the Chicago Union Station. It's the hub for national transcontinental passenger service and a major public area in downtown Chicago. The original station, named Union Depot, was opened in 1881 as a result of an agreement between five railroads: Penn Railroad, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad (CBR), Michigan Central Railroad, Chicago and Alton Railroad, and The Milwaukee Road. The Chicago & North Western considered moving its' operations to Union Station but decided against it, instead building its' own station, a block away from Union Station. Growth in railroad traffic, however, eventually led to the creation of a new terminal, and in 1925, Union

Station was finally opened. Located in Union Station is 24 tracks, servicing two railroad organizations, Metra, the Chicago commuter service, and Amtrak. Although throughout the years the interior has been changed, only one part of the station has remained the same, the Great Hall. This large waiting area contains a large arching skylight to naturally light the hall during the day and is considered a major public area in Chicago.



Our next stop is to Chicago's many rail yards. In fact, Chicago boasts the most rail yards of any city in the United States. Some of the most famous yards include Union Pacific's Proviso yard, located near O'Hare International Airport it is the largest yard in Illinois. The yard is an intermodal and hump yard previously operated by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Also located in Chicago is Amtrak's national service yard. This yard can be clearly seen during the day on the top of the Sears (Not Willis) Tower. In total, Chicago has about thirty active and inactive rail yards.



Finally, we'll talk about Chicago's two major commuter services, the Metra and the "L" train. In Chicago, unlike here in Phoenix, a car is optional, as one can simply take the Metra into the city, and from there, use the "L" train. The Metra is a commuter service that operates scheduled train service from many of the Chicago suburbs to downtown Chicago. Most of the equipment used is bi-level cars, and f40ph variants. The "L" train, short for elevated train, is an inner-city rapid transit commuter train that uses 600 volt DC power delivered by a third electrified rail. The cars themselves are styled similarly to New York's subway cars, however, unlike the New York subway system, the L



is mostly on elevated track platforms. Both these services make travel throughout Chicago incredibly easy.

Thanks to the mass network of railroads operating in Chicago, I think it's safe to assume that, although Chicago may be the second city, it will always be a first rate city in the United States.





Neuer's Nest Whistle Stop

Despite the summer heat, members have been busy improving track side areas.



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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 8, 2016

BOARD MEETING 5:00 PM

GENERAL MEETING 6:00 PM

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL 6:00 PM





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