



Meet John Morino. He is the new track superintendant in charge of track maintenance. A meeting to all interested in helping with track repair was held on Monday, January 15. Track construction standards were established, including track gauge, rail gaps, and the use of plastic ties, and how to install them. Members attending included out of state folks participating in the Ops meet who offered suggestions, and contributed their experiences on the Joshua Tree and Southern RR. Along with locals, they also worked on track before the meet started. Thanks John, for taking on this position.

WORDS ABOUT WINTERFEST

It seemed to me to be a great week at MLS for Winterfest. Nice weather, lots of people and trains. I had a great time.

A curious twist of events though, we had a record number of passenger trains running, 62 including second sections per the register sheets, but only two conductors turned in reports, Jeff Moffatt (James, and Johnny) and myself - John Lovely (Rich Metzger and Cynthia Lovely). It seems the interest in playing the passenger game has lost its appeal, or is it too tough?

John Lovely



Heading into the sunset on the high iron. I think this is Brian Held. Photo from Dan Benton.



Charlotte Hughes



Nice D&RGW at the Ops meet and some interesting rolling stock.



See more of the Ops meet on Stan Ferris' Crow's Nest Railroad Video Yard Switching! - CNRR #123



It's always good to see Phillip Nilsson and Dana from Colorado.

From The Rauprstrauch Shops

After a year and a half, the Chloe is finally completed and back at the park and available for sale. Contact Perry for more information. New Project: we went from very small Chloe, to a 15" gauge trolley. The frame was found in the Sahuaro Central junk yard and is being reserrected. Photo of the project shows friend Tim Eull, Bob R, and Stan Ferris. The roof has been completed this week (all credit goes to Tim and Stan).

Truck side frames, wheels, and axles, are being machined and bolsters made. Seat frames are to be welded, flooring, and couplers, to be installed, not to forget paint and seat cushions. It will be a nice compliment to the trolley now in service. It's always nice to have help along the way



These boxes of globs have "appeared" and Perry would like them to dissappear! They are normally used in stained glass projects and also by florests. Help yourself!



February meeting date: February 10th

Board meeting 11:00 am

General Meeting at noon

2024 Spring Meet

The "Robert 'Bob' Douglas Memorial" Meet

Work week is Monday, March 4th – Sunday, March 10th

Forely The Spring Meet,

The "Robert 'Bob' Douglas Memorial" Meet starts:

Monday, March 11th – Sunday, March 17th

These three remote controlled ships have been donated and are for sale by Sahuaro Central.

Contact Perry if you are interested in purchasing one or all, by email or phone 623-695-1477. They are all setup for remote control but some of the ship don't have the controllers. The price will be set by Sahuaro Central and don't know what they are yet.

Perry



FOR SALE

1990's era Backyard Rails F-7 Locomotive + Riding Car

Backyard Rails F-7 A-A loco consist decorated in New York Central colors. One unit powered #1812, one unit dummy #1811. These were demonstrator units used by Don Phillips (Backyard Rails founder) to show case his product. Locos and riding car being sold as a set.

The loco is powered by an 8 Hp Kohler engine and hydraulic pump with separate hydraulic oil reservoir. Loco has electronic engine speed and direction control with MU train control thru the dummy unit. Powered unit is usually the lead, but can trail. Locomotives have Mercer Loco Works cast manganese bronze couplers.

Locomotive has many upgrades and extras as follows (in no particular order):

- 4140 steel alloy machined wheels replaced original cast iron wheels
- semi-rigid cast polyurethane modified side frames replaced original side frames on the #1812
- added auxiliary electric fuel pump and filter
- hydraulic drive coarse thread rod control replaced with fine-thread rod for smoother control
- roof top ventilation fan added for addition air flow/cooling
- custom built exhaust muffler replaced original and covered w/ 1/2" of ceramic wool insulation
- thermostatically controlled hydraulic oil cooling fan
- Amphenol mil spec loco control connectors replaced original Conxall loose pin connectors
- battery push-pull disconnect switch isolates battery when stored
- control box lighting switch for number boards, classification and ladder lights
- loco #1812 headlight replaced with 5 watt LED headlight
- air horn replaced with low note long bell
- working bell
- engine running hour meter

Loco sale includes a supply of spare parts: extra timing belt for the truck drive, Kohler engine parts and more. A small Black & Decker 6volt/12volt battery charger is included too.

Riding car has Tom Bee couplers and bettendorf trucks. Riding car includes a swivel seat.

Asking \$17,500. Reasonable offers considered. Pick up only: Chicago SW suburbs.
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