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NEW YEAR GREETINGS:

The officers and directors of Sahuaro Central wish you the happiest and a most prosperous New Year. When we spend too much time watching the national news and dwell on the world around us, it all too easy to become dis-hearted. This condition is most easily improved by spending a great number of hours with fellow members of Sahuaro Central and the clubs affiliated with this organization. Model railroading and live steaming are known to have profound cathartic effects on the metabolism.

Don't let the world get you down; let the world's greatest hobby lift you up, instead!

!!!!!!Happy 2009!!!!!!

A TRAIN FOR SC:

Part 22, by Ken Bain

I had high hopes for progress during the past two months, but unfortunately that didn't happen. The valve mechanism is turning out to be more of a problem than first anticipated. A partial fit up was conducted and it was found that there was an interference condition with one of the links. This link is made of bronze. When an attempt was made to bend the link to the contour of the other side it broke. Lenny Rossow brazed the link back together and re-contoured it to match the other side.

We have obtained new drive belts for the engine to transmission pulleys. The correct size was still available (surprise). The transmission input shaft is supported by a heavy duty pillow block bearing assembly.

The ball bearing in the assembly is a replaceable component. So a new standard ball bearing was ordered and received. Surprise !!! It doesn't fit. The outside diameter of the new bearing is 0.014 inch smaller than the old bearing. Sometime during the past 54 years the standard size changed. It will now require a complete new pillow block bearing that will have to be fitted to the transmission mounting plate.

The bottom line is that I **didn't** accomplish very much during the past two months. Now with some other commitments and the Christmas Season over I hope to do better during the next two months.

A little progress was made.

I must end this write up with a sad note. Lenny Rossow passed away on December 25. Lenny was a good friend to me and many others in this train hobby. He was always willing to offer his expertise in machining to everyone and was largely responsible for keeping the MLS equipment running. I offer my condolences to his family. Lenny was an outstanding man and will be greatly missed by all.

Ken Bain

WINSLOW RAILROAD DAYS:

AMRS is planning an Ntrak modular project for events such as Winslow's Railroad days. The upcoming event in April, will be the 4th such, with operating layouts in several scales and train watching along the BNSF. Positioning oneself with camera on the grand patio of the La Posada is a great way to spend

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an afternoon, after visiting with model railroaders from all over the state and partaking of the other rail related events. Lets go visit Winslow, in April.



WINTERFEST 2009:

The 3rd Annual Operations meet for Maricopa Live Steamers is scheduled for January 14-18, 2009. Following two successful prototype operations gatherings, this should be bigger, better, more fun, and just as exciting. Don't miss it!

Visiting the "Discover Live Steam" web site, it is becoming quite obvious that operations meets are getting very popular in the live steam fraternity. More and more club tracks are showing operations meets on their calendars. MLS has a great team of meet coordinators working on these events and they are very well attended. And your editor has it on high authority that this year's weather will be ?????

Train Schedule – Arrivals -2009-

Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park is located on 43rd Avenue, just south of Pinnacle Peak Road, Phoenix, Arizona

Jan 10, AMRS Member Meeting, 9 am,
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

Jan 10, MLS Business Meeting, 10 am,
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

Jan 10, Sahuaro Central Mtg, Noon,
Museum, Adobe Mtn RR Park

Jan 14-18, MLS Operations Meet
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

Feb 14, AMRS Member Meeting, 9 am,
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Apr 23-26, Winslow Railroad Days,
Winslow, AZ

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Leon "Lenny" Rossow

January 11, 1933 -

December 25, 2008

Many members of Maricopa Live Steamers and of Sahuaro Central knew Lenny Rossow. Almost as many benefitted from his love of trains and from his expertise as a machinist. Lenny was always busy, but always willing to help. He always had a smile and always a good word.

Within the January 2009 MLS newsletter "Stack Talk" Lenny's son pays tribute to this man, and Sahuaro Central members have only to look over past articles by Ken Bain about "A Train for SC" to see how often Lenny's name is mentioned. Indeed, elsewhere in this issue, Ken refers to Lenny as "an outstanding man". Well said Ken. It will be even more of a challenge for Ken to continue the locomotive project in the absence of his friend.

Your editor knew Lenny as a casual friend, always willing to chat, or to offer advice on a project. A wonderful source of

information and common sense (all too lacking these days), Lenny was so very willing to be a help.

Back in the days when it was my duty to maintain the MLS club loco and rolling stock, it was Lenny who would fix broken parts, or make new ones for the loco. Lenny also was the force behind many improved pieces of rolling stock, both club and private. He just knew what he was doing and how to fix what didn't work.

It is, therefore, fitting to leave this issue with our sincerest condolences to Lenny's family and a fond farewell to a great friend and benefactor to our railroad hobbies.

**Good Steaming, Lenny, and
Godspeed! You will be missed.**

