



**MARCH /APRIL 2009**

### **SPRING MEET & SWAP MEET:**

It is that time again. The Maricopa Live Steamers Spring meet will be March 19-22 and the "Everything Railroad Adventure and Swapmeet will be on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Is it really necessary for this lowly editor to tell all you SC members what a fun time this is. The MLS meet attracts members and visitors from all over the place. Now that the price of gas is back to something like normal, this spring meet should prove to be "Huge". Of course, the open house at AMRS and the Swapmeet and food make for a great way to spend a Saturday. As this is going to press, the Phoenix temp is almost 90 degrees. But, what will it be in a couple of weeks. Ya gotta show up and see!

### **A TRAIN FOR SC:**

Part 23, by Ken Bain

I find myself still working on the valve gear. Sometimes I feel like it was a mistake to try and restore the valve gear system since it is non functional. Lenny Rossow and I had decided to divide up the valve gear parts. The parts that required basic machining and fabrication, I would do and Lenny would do the parts that required welding and brazing. Lenny visited my shop before Christmas and since I had completed my parts we decided that he should take them home with him and fit them to the parts he was rebuilding. Our intent was to have a fit up at the Train Park the week after Christmas.

Unfortunately Lenny passed away on Christmas Day. Toward the end of January I

went over to Lenny's shop. Carlyle Rossow and I searched through Lenny's shop and found all the valve gear parts. He had completed the brazing on all the parts and fitting up on most of the parts. I fitted up and reamed those few parts that needed finishing.

I visited the Train Park this past week and had a fit up of the valve gear parts. I didn't expect everything to fit. I wasn't disappointed. However I feel very encouraged by the parts that did fit properly. I came up with a punch list of eight items that need revision. I believe that everything is going to fit and work properly on my next fit up (*I also believe the Easter Bunny is going to visit me*). I have obtained the pillow block and bearing for the transmission input shaft. I am anxious to get to the drive part of 1027.

So once again **some** progress has been made!

### **WINSLOW RAILROAD DAYS:**

The upcoming event, April 23-26, 2009 will be the 4<sup>th</sup> time for Winslow, 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 an afternoon, after visiting with model railroaders from all over the state and partaking of the other rail related events. Lets go and try "*Standin on the corner in Winslow, Arizona*" in April. How much more excitement can a model railroader have?!

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### WINTERFEST 2009:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Operations meet for Maricopa Live Steamers took place January 14-18. Following two successful prototype operations gatherings, this one had the advantage of wonderful weather. If you made it to the meet, you know it was a great success. If you didn't, maybe a couple of Jim Ashcraft's photos will suggest what you missed. *(from MLS web site)*



### Train Schedule – Arrivals -2009-

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

**Mar 14, AMRS Member Meeting, 9 am,**  
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

**Mar 14, MLS Business Meeting, 10 am,**  
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

**Mar 19-22, MLS Spring Meet**  
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

**Mar 21, Everything RR Adventure and  
Swap Meet, 9 am to 3pm**  
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

**Apr 11, AMRS Member Meeting, 9 am,**  
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

**Apr 11, MLS Business Meeting, 10 am,**  
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

**Apr 23-26, Winslow Railroad Days,**  
Winslow, AZ

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