

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2009

FALL MEETS COMING:

October is just around the corner and with it comes the fall meet for Maricopa Live Steamers, Oct. 15-18, and the Everything Railroad Adventure and Swap Meet, Oct. 17. MLS fall meets are generally a bit more relaxed than the spring meet and there is more time to enjoy each other's company. It should also be cooler than is generally true for the spring.

It doesn't seem to make much difference for the AMRS Swap Meet, everyone has a great time and lots of bargains can be found. Don't miss out!

A TRAIN FOR SC:

Part 26, by Ken Bain

At the end of the last write up I was working on installing the new Kohler engine in place of the old Wisconsin engine. I had made a plywood template to determine the proper engine alignment.

To start fitting the adapter plate to the locomotive base plate it was necessary to remove the Kohler engine from the adapter plate. Simple: just remove the four engine attaching screws. It turned out that the screws had been installed with "Loctite". After several different tries we wound up with Jerry Oyler pulling on a piece of pipe inserted over the Allen wrench as I hung on to the engine. The four screws were finally removed. It seems nothing goes easy on this project.

I then took the adapter plate and the plywood template home. The template was

used to set up reference points on the milling machine and the four attaching holes were drilled in the adapter plate. Then it was back out to the Train Park.

With the help of Bill Lowe and Jim Zimmerman, the engine and adapter plate were located on the locomotive base plate to double check the alignment. By now I've been 'burned' enough times to be *gun shy*. Surprise! It checked out OK. However my drill motor wasn't up to the job of drilling through the locomotive base plate. So I had to haul it to my home shop to be drilled and countersunk. Spacer blocks were made and installed on the base plate with "Loctite"; so much for the engine attachments.

Next problem: The current engine oil drain line interferes with the transmission. There is an alternate drain hole in the opposite end of the engine but it is partially blocked by the installed optional oil filter. Therefore it is necessary to make up a new oil drain line that will go under the oil filter. A slot was milled in the adapter plate for the new oil drain line. The drain line will be held by tight spacing between the adapter plate and the base plate. The parts have been obtained and I am ready to try out the installation.

Progress is being made, *even in the summer.*

TRAIN RIDES RETURN:

If you haven't heard, the trains are soon to be running again after the summer recess. (continued, pg 2)

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The intrepid gandy dancers made use of the off time and on September 13, the folks will be riding again.

A TRACK FOR THE SC TRAIN:

Ken Bain doesn't seem to have enough to do (A Train for SC). Progress is being made on the Hurlbut locomotive, so Ken, Jerry Oyler and Larry Hatch have decided that track is a necessary component of a train and have begun making ready a place on which the train can run. It is truly amazing what gets done around the park. So, here are three amigos beginning still another project. Wow!

SC BOARD MEETING:

On October 10th, Sahuaro Central will elect the new officers for next year at the board of directors meeting. The meeting will be in the museum building, at 10:30 am. All SC members and members of MLS and AMRS are welcome to attend.

The Sahuaro Central meetings are conducted quarterly, on the same day as monthly membership meetings of the Maricopa Live Steamers and the Arizona Model Railroading Society. The times are scheduled to afford members the opportunity to attend all of the meetings if they wish. Please take the time to attend. Sahuaro Central functions to serve the member organizations and to coordinate the historic preservation of railroad artifacts at the Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park.

Train Schedule – Arrivals -2009-

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

Sep 12, MLS Business Meeting, 1 pm,
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

Sep 12, AMRS Member Meeting, 9 am,
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

Sep 13, Public rides and visitors return

Oct 10, Sahuaro Central Board Mtg,
10:30 am, Election of Officers

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Oct 15-18, MLS FALL MEET

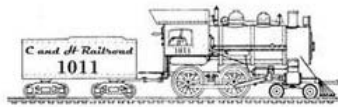
**Oct 17, SC/AMRS Fall Swap Meet,
9 am to 3 pm**

OUR OTTAWAY NO ORPHAN:

If you have visited the museum at Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad park, you will have probably seen the Ottaway locomotive on display. Jerry Oyler has been working on this engine to make it a fitting display for the museum. Back in 2006, we published several articles about the Ottaway and the other locomotives that are part of the Sahuaro Central collection. Some had come to believe there were few of these locomotives remaining. And perhaps there are indeed few, but there is a reunion scheduled this month in Kansas for Ottaway owners. Some of our Ottaway's fellow locomotives will be out on track doing their stuff, no doubt for the enjoyment of all concerned. Looks like a fun affair for the folks who lovingly restored these antique little engines.

If you would like to learn more about C and H Railroad, the host for this event, check out the Discover Live Steam Web site, and scroll down to the bottom of the front page.

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The Oregon Trail Route

Presents the First

Ottaway Steam Enthusiasts Reunion

September 25, 26, 27th 2009

Don't Miss this unique opportunity to unite with Ottaway Steam Train enthusiasts from across the country. Steve Cregut and Mike Hawkins of the C&H railroad are hosting this first ever reunion of Ottaway steam train owners, former owners, operators and enthusiasts from across the country that share a passion for Ottaway steam history and equipment. So Pack up your 12" gauge steamer and equipment, or just bring your photos, videos stories and tall tails relating to construction, restoration and operation of these beloved little trains. ***Preregistration will be required**

Highlights

- Celebrate Harold Chance's Birthday
- Saturday Evening Banquet and Program
- Steam Up's
- Photo Opportunities
- Share Experiences with other Ottaway Enthusiasts
- Restoration Stories and Ottaway History



Ottaway Locomotive in operation 1950's

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