



JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2011

NEW YEAR SC BOARD MTG:

Saturday, January 8, 2011 will be the date of the first Sahuaro Central Board of Directors meeting of the year. The time is 10:30 AM. All Sahuaro Central members are invited to attend. You can find the meeting in the museum building at the park.

A TRAIN FOR SC:

Part 34, by Ken Bain

Jerry Oyler continues doing his cosmetic work on the 1027 and she's looking better all the time. The medium-dark green really looks nice. Jerry has polished the brass cab number boards and filled in the background in black. They look sharp. The front of the cab has now been sanded and painted and that means all the cab parts are ready to be assembled.

I think we are about ready to install the boiler on the chassis. Cliff Fought thinks he can lift the boiler in place with the fork lift and straps. We originally lifted the boiler off the chassis with six guys, three on each side. It reminded me of something else that's done with six people.

I obtained a throttle lever and boudin cable from the APD Power Center and modified it for our usage. After fabricating mounting brackets and cable clamps it was installed on the locomotive. The throttle movement feels very smooth and should be OK. Another small project completed.

A new clamp between the cab floor and the frame was made and installed on the

engine. What I thought was the clamp bar turned out to be the connecting link between the engine and the tender. I am now in the process of fabricating and installing a small control panel in the cab. The panel and the support bar has been made and is awaiting installation.

And now the latest problem! (You expected this, didn't you?) The gasoline engine drives the transmission via two parallel 'V' belts. The old belts were in poor shape; therefore I purchased two new ones several years ago. The new belts are from the same manufacturer and have the same part numbers. But one is longer than the other. So now I need to get a matched belt set.

Progress is being made and I hope to see 1027 move under her own power in 2011 (Hope springs eternally).

SAHUARO CENTRAL WEBSITE:

Sahuaro Central's web site is <http://www.adobemtndesertrrpark.com/> Readers can find current news, this newsletter as well as the Maricopa Live Steamers and Arizona Model Railroading Society newsletters.

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MLS WINTERFEST 2011:

Maricopa Live Steamers will host the 5th annual "Operations" meet January 12-16, 2011. All are invited to attend and to participate. However, if you wish to attend, you must register. See the MLS website for more details. The Sahuaro Central web site has a link to the MLS site.

The focus of the event will be card order operation, interspersed with scheduled passenger trains. This should keep folks on their toes. If you haven't registered, better hurry.

DISCOVER LIVE STEAM MEET:

Coming this fall, the Discover Live Steam Southwest Regional Meet, Oct. 7-10, 2011. Maricopa Live Steamers will be the site this fall of the gathering of large scale railroaders from near and far, hosted by the Discover Live Steam organization. The first regional meet was held in July 2010, at the Mill Creek Central Railroad in Ohio. The meet was a great success, and we can expect no less from MLS.

SPRING MEETS:

Don't forget the now famous MLS Spring Meet and the equally famous Everything Railroad Swap Meet. Both events are just around the corner. MLS will host the spring fling Mar 17-20, and the most famous railroad swap meet. In the entire southwest will be staged on Sat. March 19, 2011.

If you happen to be reading this for the very first time, and don't know about these events, you had better plan to get yourself over to the Adobe Mountain Railroad Park March 17-20, and find out what the fuss is all about.

Train Schedule – Arrivals -2011-

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

Jan 8, AMRS General Meeting, 9 am
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

Jan 8, SC Board Meeting, 10:30 am
Adobe Mountain Park Museum

Jan 8, MLS Business Meeting, 1 pm
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

Jan 12-16, MLS Operations Meet
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

Feb 12, AMRS General Meeting, 9 am
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

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

Mar 12, AMRS Annual Meeting, 9 am
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

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

Mar 17-20, MLS Spring Meet
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

**Mar 19, Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park
Everything Railroad Swap Meet
9 am – 3 pm**