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A TRAIN FOR SC:

Part 39, By Ken Bain

In the last write up I discussed all the air pressure leaks and going to a paste type pipe joint compound. This brought the leaks from seven down to one, the pressure switch. This was changed from plumbing pipe to an air hose and the leak was resolved.

My goal was to see 1027 move under her own power in 2011. On December 29 I put gasoline in the tank and oil in the engine and connected the battery. Surprise! The new engine started and ran. After adjusting idle speed and idle mixture the transmission was put in gear. The throttle was advanced and 1027 moved down the track under her own power. We ran her in forward and reverse for the length of the straight track. Operation seems very smooth.

As received the Kohler engine did not have an electrical generating system. I purchased and retrofitted the flywheel alternating system. When the electric air compressor was turned on (with the engine running) the ammeter showed an output of 20 amps. The system works to design; another success.

The major work on locomotive number 1027 is now complete. What remains are basically cosmetic details. It's hard to realize that this re-construction started six years ago in January, 2005, when the Sahuaro Central Board Of Directors approved the project. Time flies when you're having fun !

What we need now is a 14 inch gauge track system.

Progress has been made !

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WINTERFEST 2012:

Don't miss the 6th annual MLS Operations Meet, Winterfest 2012. This is becoming bigger and better each year and 2012 promises to be even bigger. The operations meet brings live steamers and live dieselers from all around to "play trains" in a prototypical manner. January 12 thru Jan 15 are the dates for this year. This year a second operations meet is planned in conjunction with the MLS Spring Meet.

AROUND THE PARK:

Museum: Curator, Jerry Oyler reports that the museum is looking good and ready for those train passengers who disembark at the museum station. Many regular and rotating exhibits are part of the collection. Railroaders and non- (wait a minute, is there such a thing as non-railroaders) are invited to visit during normal run days. They will appreciate this first class operation.

MLS: Preparations are almost done for Winterfest 2012. This will be the 6th annual operations meet and another great event is

expected. In addition to the peddler freights, the through freights, etc, there will be the Sneaky Snake passenger trains. Operating on a tight schedule these passenger trains will serve the entire railroad, and carry the mail as well. These are in addition to the express trains and the locals. (My head is swimming already. Ed) Then MLS plans to do it all over again in March. There will be an operations meet preceding the Spring Meet. The whole enchilada begins March 10 and goes through the 18th.

AMRS: The big spring swap meet is coming March 17th. It begins at 9:00am. Don't you dare miss it. Also, lest you forgot, public open houses are each Saturday 1-3pm and Sunday from 1-4:30pm. Invite your non-member friends to visit during the open house and see them become instant members. Ohyea!

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ATSF 3751:

There is a group trying to get a special train together to have the ATSF 3751 travel from Williams to Phoenix then Parker AZ. The train would consist of private railcars. I know the BNSF has been contacted about it but they have not blessed the plan. To date, 12/23/2011, there is still no confirmation this trip has been approved by the BNSF.
(courtesy, Mark Redmond, Arizona Rails)



My, My, Time does fly!

Train Schedule – Arrivals -2012-

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

Jan 7, MLS Business Meeting, 1 pm
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park
(New Date)

Jan 14, AMRS General Meeting, 9 am
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

**Jan 12-15, Winterfest 2012, 6th annual
MLS Operations Meet**
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

Feb 11, AMRS General Meeting, 9 am
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

Feb 11, MLS Business Meeting, 1 pm
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

**Mar 10, MLS Spring Meet /Operations
Meet, Adobe Mountain RR Park**

Mar 10, AMRS General Meeting, 9 am
Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park

**Mar 17, AMRS/ SC Spring Swap Meet
9:00 am, Adobe Mountain
Desert RR Park**