

Down the Line

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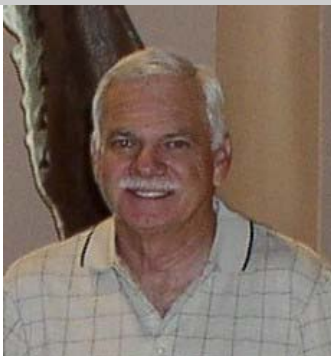
How time flies. Its been a very busy month with a lot of activity at the Park. MLS had their Fall Steam Up and reported that it went over very well. We got through another SC Swap Meet and made some money doing it. The club came out making about \$1,600.00 and we were able to contribute \$ 1,048.00 to the Sahuaro Central Budget. We did a few new things at the meet this time that helped us bought physically and in the operations of during the meet. The first thing was using the two wheeled trailers to move the tables. Everyone commented on how much easies it was both to setup and take down the tables this time. The trailers will hold about 20 to 30 tables each. This has been back breaking work in the past. On the operations side our new ticket booth

worked out great and we had no problems with the changing of the entry gate to the west side. By doing this it freed up the space in front of the concession stand, leaving us room for tables and chairs for people to eat at. I believe this is one of the reasons that we did well in the concession area. Everyone should give Jim Oakes and his crew a big thank you for a job well done. All in all it was another great swap meet and the next one will be on March 15th 2008. Thanks to every one that helped with the meet and hope to see you at the next one.

We have a number of events coming up in the next few months. The Starlight Christmas evening for the public will be on December 6th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. If you weren't at the one last year you should make a point to come this year and see all the children's faces. Another event that is coming up even sooner is a Breakfast with the ABTO train Club at the park. This will be held in the MLS building at 8:00 AM on November 17th 2007. They will be supplying the breakfast and then will have their meeting following that. Once the meeting is over they will be riding the MLS trains and touring our layouts. Everyone is invited to the breakfast, so I hope to see a good showing of our members that morning. Please contact me if you will be attending so I can give them a head count.

Keep on running trains and having fun.

Editor:Jerry Oyler



Where has the time gone... From the Summer heat to the Swap meet, October never slowed down and some how we kept up with the pace. My hat is off to everyone who took the time to come out and help set up the swap meet and take it down. This has been a big job over the years. However, thanks to several of you who donated funds for storage and time helping, the job is getting easier. Not only did we make the budget for Sahuaro Central first half of the year. I picked up a few Donations for the Museum.

As a rule the October meet has been our smaller one of the two swap meets. But that is starting to change. I think the count was over 350 adult buyers. So the word is getting out. In the coming months I will be working on the Buyers list and

looking for ways to improve getting the word out and doing what we can to cut the cost of postage. If you have any suggestions, call, write or email them to me. Thanks !!

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N ScaleBob Ginger Sup.



As I write this I am watching Captain Peachfuzz trip over a railroad track with a speeding train approaching in the search for the Upsidasium mine with Rocky and Bullwinkle. Little do they know that the mine is really located on the AMRS HO layout.

We have had a couple operating sessions since the track plan additions and changes this summer. The changes have opened up quite a few interesting operating possibilities but it is apparent some turnout locations will need to be adjusted for optimum switching. With the swap meet behind us

we are setting project priorities in anticipation of the March show. Our project list includes:

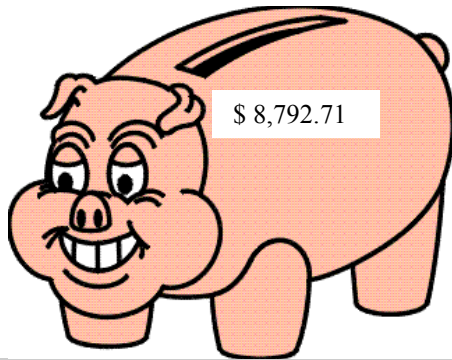
1. Adjust existing turnouts, trackside scenery and ballast
2. Finish mountain terrain for narrow gauge line
3. Finalize track plan for next phase of construction
4. Begin track laying in next phase which includes yard, engine facilities and towns.

Both HO and N scale divisions have been working together to develop common operating procedures for public events. We hope to begin implementing some of the procedures at the Starlight Christmas event in December. The goal is to make for more reliable operations for the enjoyment of both club members and the visiting public. This will require that all locomotives and rolling stock are in top operating order to minimize any problems. In preparation, MicroTrains trucks and metal wheels have been ordered for the club rolling stock. Soon we hope to develop testing procedures to ensure that any rolling stock on the layout will operate reliably without derailments or train separations.

I'm still glad to autograph those Walthers 2008 'N' Scale catalogs. The standard has been set and plans are afoot try and get AMRS 'N' scale layout pictures in the 2009 Walthers catalog. We have until early May to create and photograph an extraordinary scene or two on the layout. Let's do it!



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AMRS News

New Member:

Jerry Barrett G Scale Divison

NOTICE TO ALL AMRS AND AGRS MEMBERS

Anyone having in their possession any property of the club at home, please return these items so that each of the Divisions can take inventory of them. We have a lot of items out of the club and we need to get a handle on them. When returning the items to the club, please give them to your Divisional Superintendents.

Things to think about

Tips from the Redneck Book of Manners

1. It's considered poor taste to take a cooler to church.
2. If you have to vacuum the bed, it is time to change the sheets.
3. Even if you're certain that you are included in the will, it is still considered tacky to drive a U-Haul to the Funeral home.
4. A centerpiece for the table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist.
5. Dating— Establish with her parents what time she is expected back. Some will say 10:00 pm. Others might say "Monday" If the latter is the answer, it the Man's responsibility to get her to school on time.
6. When sending your wife down the road with a gas can, it is impolite to ask her to bring back beer.

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H.O. Supt..... Alan Metzger



Each month I sit down and this newsletter write. Oh, what will I say? I sit down in a fright.

This month is Thanksgiving; I know what to say...as I sit at "The Loop" on this bright sunny day!

I'll write it all down while I'm still on vacation, and I'll finish it down at the Bakersfield station.

I'll write what I'm thankful for, that's what I'll do. I'll write it all down and I'll share it with you.

It's thanks for a club with great guys. Really good! Who let you run LONG TRAINS if only you could!

It's "thanks" for a layout around which we can walk, and tables and chairs at which we can talk.

A nice DCC system with so many breakers, short circuits and opens can't find any takers.

I'm thankful for members who play with their trains...that go 'round and through Tucson without any pains.

And thanks to the guys there who just want to run. It's bold and it's daring! It's really such fun!!

...to run really long trains. Long trains without limit! While visitors stand counting cars that are in it.

I'm thankful for metal wheels that roll brightly, and strong metal couplers that hold the cars tightly.

They're at the same height, they're all snug in their pockets, so rough running engines won't pull out their sockets.

Tuned trucks are adjusted to sway forth and back, so they follow the dips and the bumps on the track.

I love it when clean track makes engines run smooth, and rightly gauged wheels will all stay in the groove.

Because Jerry's track gauge has really inspected, everything wrong there has long been rejected.

Thank you for clean track and engine wheels too. We got rid of the gunk and got rid of the goo!

Ken's panels, John's wires, slow turnouts and snap! Who swept up? Who vacuumed? Who cleaned up the crap?

Roundhouse? Turntable! Don't make a mistake! More scenery's coming. That scenery's GREAT!

At Irene there, the bridge spans Cienega Creek. Casa Grande, Maricopa! Cows! Wow! Take a peak!

And all of the others laying ballast and such...I wanted to thank you. Oh, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Some guys like to build, and some like to run. That's all right! It's okay, if you want to have fun.

Now don't forget G Scale or N Scalers too. Why they don't play with HO I've really no clue.

I wish to you all now a Happy Thanksgiving! A club like this one makes life quite worth living!!

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G Scale Bob Rys Supt.



What a busy month October was. I saw what I got for thinking the layout is o k. I must have my equipment in good shape to traverse the tracks. My newer stuff is showing the flaws that are there in the track that will have to be addressed and repaired before the next outing. The trains have to keep rolling for the enjoyment of our guests. I am also guilty of my own neglect of the guidelines for successful operation. Sometimes in the rush to complete a project and show it off will take a short cut and assume that everything is all right without physically checking all parameters. Sometimes just eyeballing it will not cut it. My latest acquisition of rolling stock is a

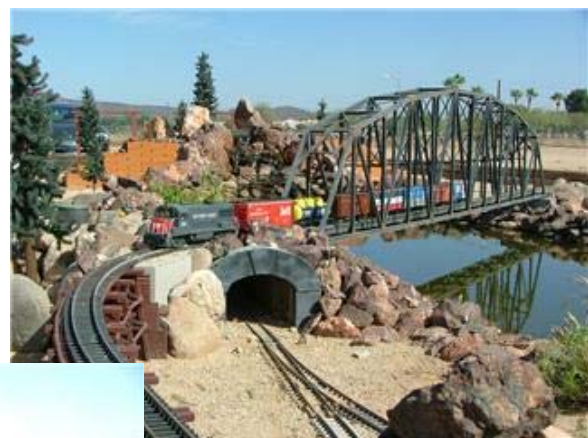
good example. I just checked the wheels on the cars and discovered that they were out of gage , too wide, by just a fraction even though they were still rolling on the track. This led to the problem of trying to run them in a train, with the occasional derailment of the cars.

Need to get out of this tunnel vision mentality. I'm so caught up with the track problems that I overlook the other areas that need to be dealt with. Problems do not go away on their own, they need to be dealt with and fixed. I would love to wave my hand and everything would fall into place and magically be perfect. If you think that you can fix it go ahead and do it. If uncertain, ask for guidance. We all didn't start out as 'experts' on the matter.

ABTO will be having a breakfast and meeting on the 17 Nov over at the MLS break area We have been invited to attend. Plan on having some equipment available to operate on that day.

Thanksgiving weekend the Christmas light will be going up. The Starlight Christmas will not be far behind, Thursday Dec 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm Good chance to run in the dark. Make sure that the installed lights will be operational Can see just how bright they really are.

Lets have some fun and run those trains for now, but there is still a lot to do to raise the bar on the layout appearance before the convention gets here. Time is running out on us All aboard!!.



AMRS Objectives

Membership in the Arizona Model Railroad Society is open to anyone with an interest in Model Railroading, creation of layouts, construction and operation. At our meetings, items of mutual interest associated with the hobby are discussed.

Our members represent a wide variety of interests ranging from "N" scale to Garden railroading. Meetings are typically held the second Saturday of the Month at Adobe Mountain Park, 23280 N. 43rd. Av. Glendale Arizona. AMRS welcomes and encourages individual and family participation.



Coming Attractions

- Nov. 3, Sat. **AMRS/AGRS Board Meeting**
9:am. 22822 N. 43rd. Ave. Phoenix
Adobe Mountain Park. Museum
- Nov. 10, Sat. **AMRS/AGRS Monthly Meeting**
9:am. 22822 N. 43rd. Ave. Phoenix
Adobe Mountain Park. AMRS Club House
- Nov. 22. Thanksgiving
- Nov. 24, Sat. **TCA Desert Div. Turkey Meet**
Mesa Convention Center
263 N. Center St. Mesa
- Nov. 24, Sat. **AMRS/AGRS Board Meeting**
9:am. 22822 N. 43rd. Ave. Phoenix
Adobe Mountain Park. Museum
- Dec. 6, Thur. **STARLIGHT CHRISTMAS**
22822 N. 43rd. Ave. Phoenix
Adobe Mountain Railroad Park
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- Dec. 8, Sat. **AMRS/AGRS Monthly Meeting**
9:am. 22822 N. 43rd. Ave. Phoenix
Adobe Mountain Park. AMRS Club House
- Dec. 29, Sat. **AMRS/AGRS Board Meeting**
9:am. 22822 N. 43rd. Ave. Phoenix
Adobe Mountain Park. Museum

Coming soon

2008

G Scale Convention Bar-B-Q.
3rd Annual Winslow Railroad Days.
April 21st-27th, 2008.



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