

Sidewinder Switchback

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City of Yuma and YTLS by Kent Corcoran, Sr.

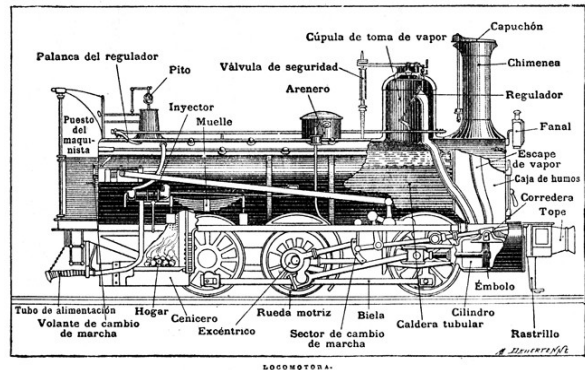
The City of Yuma and Yuma Territory Live Steamers have been working toward an agreement to lease the Riverside Park as our home. We have finally received a copy of the contract and review it. There were several items we needed to address for a final contract is signed.

We have returned the contract with these items highlighted. Since that time the State Parks also stated that they need more information before the can consent legally to our organization leasing the park. We are developing a Scope of Operation that will detail our track outline, building façade scheme, track plan and development phases.

Once we get this data together we will forward them to the State Parks via the City Parks Departments. They we then review and we hope approve the application. Then we will begin to install the track at the station, loading, and main line sections. Fencing will also need to be in-

stalled around the station area.

With those items complete we will be ready to offer rides to the public, and expand our railroad. We will offer Birthday Party and Holiday Themed rides. Rides will also be available on a regular schedule.



Cross section of a steam locomotive.

YTLS receive donation of machine shop equipment By Kent Corcoran, Sr.

The Yuma Territory Live Steamers have received a donation of machine shop equipment for the club. Due to an unfortunate death in the Live Steam community, this equipment had to be moved from its existing

location. Leonard Houpt happened to be at the right place. The daughter of the deceased needed to have the equipment moved to sell the home. Leonard has been communicating with Babe who was looking for a

group who needed such equipment. The final arrangements were made to go to Phoenix and bring the machines to Yuma. *Continued on page 2*

2010 Yuma Doll & Toy Show by Wm. Kent Corcoran, Sr.

During the Yuma Doll and Toy Show on February 7th, we had two tables along the wall next to the HO modular display of Yuma Model Railroaders. At opening of the doors we had folks standing by us. We made several sales of shirts and hats in the first two and a half hours. We handed out many club flyers and promoted the organization to interested people, of which there were many.

During much of the day, Leonard Houpt, Chuck Finnila, and Wm. Kent

Corcoran, Sr. were talking to 3 separate people at once, selling a shirt or hat, showing the notebook photos, or promoting the Riverside park operations from the end of 2009 and plans for future development in 2010. Several times we met up with previous passengers of ours from November or December. One man was back and forth from the YMRR display and our table. While speaking with him we learned he basically grew up at M.L.S. He was home for leave from the Army

and was interested in our organization when he gets out. He also gave us the bad news from M.L.S. During the terrible rain storm from January, thousands of feet of track washed out on Arntchoo. He asked, "How are we going to prevent this from happening to us." Fortunately, Leonard and Wm. Kent both inspected the Riverside Park areas where the track was placed in the fall. A very thin channel was eroded quite away from the main line. By 2:00 pm the crowd began to thin

Track Talk by Wm. Kent Corcoran, Sr.

The Yuma Territory Live Steamers Members and volunteers have been meeting at Dale Giles' shop and retrofitting the track and switches. We are changing the track to offset the rails by 1 foot. This will insure a better track joint and provide the clickity-clack sound as the trucks roll over them. Also the curve sections are being widened for our permanent track plan. With the switches, we need a minimum of three to provide a passing

siding at the station and a spur off of the main line for loading and unloading of the equipment.

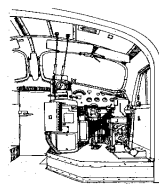
As for the switches from our second donation of track; the ties are old, rotting and 2x2's. We are changing the frogs on these switches to the ones we recently purchased from M.L.S. A jig is being designed for this specific procedure. We will need more 2x4's for the switches, switches use longer tie lengths.

We will need up to 80 curve sections and 50 straight sections to start our track. Then we can expand our facility by installing a turntable or a Wye.



Machine Shop Equipment continued from page 1

The donation consists of a 1920's Southbend metal lathe and all the bits and pieces needed to operate it; a horizontal air compressor with a tank of at least 85 gallons, and a Craftsman Drill Press mounted on a stand. Upon arrival we also were able to take possession of pre-cut steel for a firebox, a



Control cab of an F series A unit.

steam tube, and miscellaneous steel for other projects.

This addition to the club will enhance our ability to build our railroad and maintain rolling stock. We will be able to machine wheels and axles to build trucks. We will be able to fabricate hopper cars for our fleet.

Y.T.L.S. “Buy-A-Tie” fund raising

With our negotiations with the Arizona State and Yuma Parks Department nearing conclusion, The Y.T.L.S. must ramp up our Buy-A-Tie fundraising. These Buy-A-Tie donors will have their special tie placed in the station and yard area of the track. The ties will also be mapped for ease of locating by the donors. The funds we receive from this program will allow us to purchase more track and train material to continue to expand.

During the Yuma County Fair we

handed out many Buy-A-Tie forms with applications attached. We received many comments from the Yuma County Fair. We can't expect to see all of them returned to us. Let us all talk to one person each week and ask for their support. Give them the website address if you do not have a Buy-A-Tie form with you. Invite them to stop by Riverside Park to see our progress.

To help you explain what the two categories are and answer some of the

questions they may ask, below are the descriptions of the two categories of the Buy-A-Tie fundraiser. The ties are made out of recycled plastics and will have the donor's information engraved onto the ties.

The Gandy Dancer

A Gandy Dancer is the term used for the track crews during the 19th century. They did all the hard labor of building railroad tracks. They made the embankments, set the ties and rail, and finally drove the spikes. This category of Buy-A-Tie is our basic item to the community.

For a donation of \$50.00 the individual or family will have their

name engraved into the tie. Two lines can be used, but the amount of letters and numbers is restricted by the space used. This is our number one item in the fundraiser. We need to continue to build up our donor list with the sales of the Gandy Dancer ties.

An individual or company who purchases a Buy-A-Tie will have their tie installed in the track at the yard and station areas of the Y.T.L.S.

The Golden Spike

The Golden Spike Buy-A-Tie is our corporate category. This tie is offered to business donors. It consists of two ties place together. Instead of have the ties engraved; we will attach an engraved metal plate on the ties. The plate will have the information from that corporate sponsor.

Since the plate is being engraved and designed for business, there will more room for any wording. The price for this category is \$500.00.

On May 10, 1869 the Golden Spike was driven into the Continental Railroad at Promontory Point, Utah



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From the Caboose Leaving for cooler climate.

The Yuma County Fair is the time our season's change, many winter visitors have left and the rest will be going after the Fair. During the Yuma County Fair we had a table display with video and slideshow. We had a hopper car, flyers, and two items on raffle. Chuck Finnila's wife made a railroad themed quilt early in the last year. We operated our train at the Fair that year and did not have a table in the Theatre Building. We also had a knitted Afghan to go with the quilt. The quilt and Afghan were in full view throughout the fair. We received many comments and plenty of people vying for a chance at these two items.

In total we had 221 opportunities on the items we raised \$190.00 toward

the YTLS treasury. It will come in handy when we prepare our track for permanent installation. At the end of the Fair we had a young lady volunteer to select our prize winners. Angeliah Valdez selected the Quilt winner first. Patricia Soliz was the lucky winner. The Second prize winner was Jorge Moreno, he re-



ceived the Afghan. Angeliah was given the last of our suckers for helping us in the drawing.

We have to wait for our permit the State of Arizona to operate at Riverside Park. Until then we will prepare our track and equipment for the day we can start operating.

Angeliah Valdez selects the first prize winner at the Yuma Co. Fair. Chuck Finnila holds the container of tickets.