

YUMA TERRITORY LIVE STEAMERS

SOUTHWEST GAZETTE

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THE RIGHT SEAT

!!The Waiting is Over!!

By Wm Kent Corcoran Sr.

After two years of persistence from the City of Yuma Parks Department, this last July Arizona State Parks confirmed the existing Inter-Government Agreement (IGA) allowed for the City to issue permitting for YTLS to utilize Riverside Park. State Parks does require submittal of a Scope of Work and a survey-based site plan. The draft scope of work was reviewed and approved by the City and sent to the State for review. The site plan preparation is underway.

Chuck Finnila and Kent Corcoran Sr. have met with the Parks Dept. and Fire Marshall to discuss what we want to develop and get feed back from these departments of any issues we need to address. As a club we have been amending our Yard Facilities and track plans to get to our main line routes. We have been drafting regulations for the containers that members and visitors will lease to secure their train equipment in at our Yard Facilities and where to place them. *continued on pg. 3*

RPO CAR

Grant applications *by Wm. Kent Corcoran Sr*

Now that we have the opportunity to move to Riverside Park we have submitted a grant application with Union Pacific. With the Sunset Route crossing the Colorado River at the Yuma Territorial Prison above, and the station stop on the other side of the hill we have a better connection to the historical downtown area. We hope this will tie us to the U.P. and give us an advantage in our grant request. Chuck Finnila has prepared the application for both stages, 1st is an application request of operation support for our organization. The 2nd stage request a monetary amount to be used for more development.

We have provided a list of donors who have already provided us with support and volunteers who have donated their time. We hope to be able to get a newer engine, steel rail, and plastic ties. *continued on pg. 2*

RUSTY SPIKE *by Wm. Kent Corcoran Sr.*

Back at the end of the spring we moved our track construction from Dale Giles' shop to Carlos Santos' shop since Carlos has an air conditioned room where we can work as the temperatures rise. We resumed constructing track in August and began to run short on materials by September. Knowing that our stockpile of materials were dwindling we had already begun planning to replenish the items needed to build more track.

Leonard Houpt contacted several people at different clubs for rail and specialty parts for switches such as points, screws, and throw mechanisms. Our biggest purchase was from Ray Henry who has 5,000' of rail and 2 large pallets of 2x2 ties already treated with creosote. All that is needed now is our Volunteers to arrive for the Winter Season to help us go into mass production.



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Leonard Houpt has done research of grants and found that there are grants available from Home Depot and Ryobi. Due to the planned transfer of our train operation from Joe Henry Park to Riverside Park we have are going to wait until we move to Riverside Park before we apply for these two grants.



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With these revisions we also made changes to our overall main line route.

After these meetings we presented the information to the members of the club and made changes to the Yard facilities several times. After we changed the direction of the transfer table, containers, and turntable we were ready to start surveying so we could place the club container and yard tracks to the main line and station areas. The missing piece to start is the exact location of the property lines. We have been unable to find the documents that show the correct survey marks needed to continue our development. What we do have shows property boundaries but there are no exact markers.



Track
damage at
Joe Henry
Park in July



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