

YUMA TERRITORY LIVE STEAMERS

SOUTHWEST GAZETTE

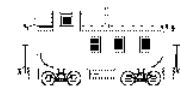
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BRAKE WHEEL *by Wm. Kent Corcoran Sr.*

While Chuck Finnila and I were auditing the track we purchased from Dale Giles we found some parts that go onto the GP38 engine that were never mounted onto the engine. There were brake pads and pistons; and metal parts that would make the Dynamic Brake Radiator on top of the train. We gathered these parts together so we could install them in the near future. Chuck took the parts for the radiators to be assembled and they will also weld them on.

When that was completed we then sent the shell to the paint shop to give it a new coat of paint. It was decided to paint the engine cowling in the Southern Pacific "Bloody Nose" scheme because that would be what a GP38 would look like when in service in Yuma. Once the paint was dry the cowling was sent to members Bob & Ginny Hinkel to apply the graphics onto the nose, sides, and back. And for good measure we kept Dales' engine #8002 and named the locomotive "YUMA".

Now we are repairing the Engineer's car and it will be painted in the same "Bloody Nose" colours. The trucks need to be overhauled and both ends will get a metal plate to cover the wood that is getting weather worn. Where the Engineer's feet rest on the car, we will put a diamond plate to replace the rubber mat that no longer stays on. When it is completed in matching paint, it will be a fine looking Cow and Calf.



Troop Transport Train *by Wm. Kent Corcoran Sr.*

Our first ride of November happened to be on Veteran's Day. Leonard Houpt and I were invited to one of the TV stations to promote our rides to the public during the evening news. On Sunday I brought flags and flagpoles to fly the Star Spangled Banner and the flags of the Marines, Navy, & Army. I set up the YTLS sign and mounted the Star Spangled Banner on it above the tracks. The military flags were set together on the other side of the station where the public come in. There was a wonderful breeze that had the flags fluttering all day long.

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Passenger Totals

4th Quarter Passenger totals

October 14, 2012 68 passengers

October 28, 2012 112 passengers including 5 Hobos

November 11, 201 132 passengers including 17 Hobos & 3 Canines

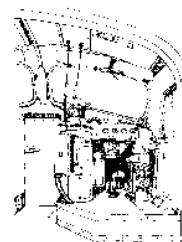
November 25, 2012 36 passengers including 2 Hobos

December 9, 2012 86 passengers including 11 Hobos

December 23, 2012 48 passengers including 2 Hobos

Grand Total for the 2012 Season is 1,885 passengers including 83 Hobos

THE RIGHT SEAT *by Wm. Kent Corcoran Sr.*



Leonard Houpt has been busy soliciting donations from several companies in town. Recently he stopped at a hardware store

and two companies that manufacture trusses for housing. From Southwest Lumber we received pressure treated lumber for ties, while JMW Truss provided us with two pallets of 16" 2x4's for ties. We procured a chemical treatment for the donated ties to prevent premature rotting and began a mass production of track panels for our transfer to Riverside Park. We have had 2 work sessions a week with our winter volunteers in town. And on the weekend sessions the regular members who work during the week do there part in constructing needed track.

We are making great progress as a group with our track building and when we receive permission to transfer to Riverside Park we will have enough track to build from the Yard to the Station and the larger loop for the public rides. There will be enough track and switches for a passing siding at the station then we begin with our outbound route into the Southern Frontier that will be our E Ticket ride.

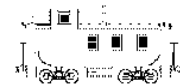


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Sometime around 2pm as I was engineering the train, I noticed someone with a video recorder shooting footage at an odd angle to the track. As I passed him I noticed an ID card hanging from his neck. It was a photojournalist from the station where we had our promo 2 days before. He stayed around for some time and when he did an interview with Chuck Finnilla, he set up his camera so that the 3 flags of the military were flying in the background. The public that came to ride the train had a wonderful time, it was the largest total of the 4th quarter.



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