

Maricopa Live Steamers Railroad Heritage Preservation Society

New Member Orientation Packet

Welcome to the Club

Hello, and welcome to Maricopa Live Steamers! This packet should address everything you need to know as a new member. Please read through the following information and we will address any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you.....**ALL ABOARD!**

First off, as a new member, you will have expectations from the club and in return, the club has expectations of you. Our club relies on the hard work and dedication of our many members to keep it alive and running. As a member of the club, you are expected to donate and contribute your time to the club, whether it is for public runs, for maintenance and expansion, for potpourri or anything that can help keep the club moving forward. There is no written requirement regarding volunteering or providing services to the club, however, we do ask all members to help in any way they can a minimum of 5 hours per month (the equivalent of one public run day or a Saturday work day, etc). Providing your services is a fun and enjoyable part of the club, and is a great way to meet other members and learn the many aspects of our railroad club, besides the fact you are helping MLS to continue to grow and move forward. **We know that everyone may not have the time to contribute, so the 5 hour new member work requirement can be reduced or waived by making a request to the membership committee.**

Next, you as a new member will have certain expectations from the club. You expect to have a fun, safe, and friendly environment to enjoy our hobby, and most new members want to be able to use club equipment for personal use. The club will strive to provide these expectations as best we can. During certain times of year, some of the club equipment may be unavailable for use due to repairs, etc. However, there is usually enough club equipment readily available for use. Remember, all equipment is first come, first serve and we ask that you return the equipment that you have used to the proper storage area in the same condition (or better condition) than you found it. Please note, if you have paid to become a full operating member, you must take your engineers test (test must be taken before you use your own equipment as well) and you need to be signed off on the locomotives before you can take them out for personal use (we want to ensure you can operate them safely so you'll be able to enjoy them for years to come). The Membership Committee will provide training for new members' after all general membership meetings or you can set up an appointment for training that works best for you. Please allow a few hours for training. Not only will you be learning how to operate the locomotives, we will be showing you all of the essential things you'll need to know to get the most out of your membership. If at any time you feel that any of these expectations are not being met, please bring it up to a Board or Committee Member so they can address any issues you may have. You look forward to riding the rails, and we look forward to seeing you out there.

Always remember to have fun and be safe!

2018 Club Organization and Partners

Board of Directors, Officers, Committee Members

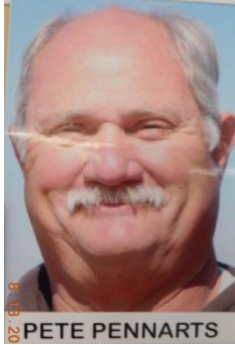
Board of Directors

President – Pete Pennarts

Vice President / Director of Safety operations - Joe Schnyder

Secretary – Mick Janzen

Treasurer - Bob Douglas



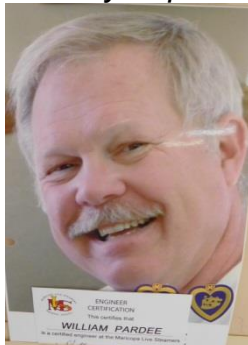
Officers and Committee Members

Chief Boiler Superintendent - Bill Pardee

Construction Superintendent – Cliff Fought Construction Superintendent Emeritus-AI Ford

Signal Superintendents - Terry Liesegang / Greg Gorman

Maintenance of Way Superintendent -



Operations Superintendent - Hank Gallo

Lead Mechanics - Fred Greenwald, Mike Grant (Email loco issues to: mlsmaint@yahoo.com)

Public Runs Coordinator – Dennis Beatty dennisbeattymls@yahoo.com



Board Member – Perry McCully 2017 President

Board Member / Stack Talk Editor – Ken Giordano [MLSnewsroom @ gmail.com](mailto:MLSnewsroom@gmail.com)

Board Member - Joe Fego

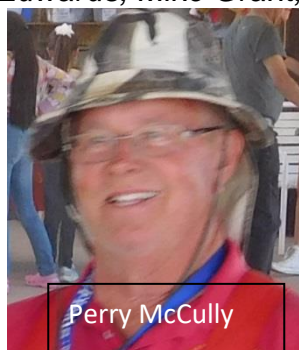
Board Member - Mike Grant

Board Member – Dave Griner



Long Range Planning Committee Chairman - Dave Griner

Holiday Lights Decorating Committee: Joe Kalisak (Chairman), Donna Hohm, Mick Janzen, Judy Edwards, Mike Grant, Mike Lewondowski



Birthday Party Coordinator: Perry McCully (pmccully3@cox.net)

Engineer Test and Card Administrator: Jim Zimmerman

Webmasters: Tim Freeman, John Bergt

Membership Committee - Dennis Beatty - 480-628-1275 or dennisbeattymls@yahoo.com

Gabe Zorbas gabezorbas@gmail.com

Hank Gallo - 602-300-3396 or hanksqt@yahoo.com

Web site: www.maricopalivesteamers.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/trainrides

There are three organizations that operate in the “Train Park” area of the Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park property: Maricopa Live Steamers, Arizona Model Railroad Society (AMRS), and Saguaro Central. The umbrella organization is Saguaro Central, who leases the property to Maricopa Live Steamers and AMRS. Surrounding the Train Park are several other facilities including a water park, a ball park, a model RC airport facility, and two kart tracks. All of these organizations and facilities operate on the Adobe Dam Recreation Park, which is part of the Maricopa County Park system. When visiting the Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park, you are considered to be on County Park property and must follow not only our club rules but

County Park rules as well (i.e. no alcohol, no firearms, etc). When the gates are open to the property, anyone from the general public can come onto the grounds. Only members can use equipment or enter any of the buildings. Anytime that you are the last to leave the property, you must be sure that all club equipment is properly put away and that all storage bins are locked. Please shut off all lights and fans (AC too if applicable) in the clubhouse and lock the doors as you leave. Finally, secure the property gate. If in doubt, please lock up! If for some reason someone has gotten locked inside the property, a list of phone numbers for the club board members is on the clubhouse window. MLS Member Mike Grant lives at the PKRA kart track South of MLS and serves as a caretaker of the property. In the winter Dave Kuhlman lives at Pottsville as caretaker as well.

A board meeting and general membership meeting is held every second Saturday of the month, except for July, from 12 PM to 2 PM. Dates and hours are subject to change, with announcements made in the club newsletter, on the MLS website or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/trainrides. As a resident member, you are entitled to vote on and propose motions at the general meeting. These monthly meetings are another great way to get involved with the club and get to know more members. You'll also find out about any new improvements being made at the club and keep yourself up to date with club activities and plans. The Executive Committee and three board members at large are elected each year at the November general meeting, and they assume office on the first of January the following year. All outgoing members of the executive committee are de facto board members for the following year.

Club Equipment and Personal Equipment

Members in good standing have access to use the club's facilities and track 24/7. Members who pay the "operating member" fees have access to the club's locomotives and passenger cars, with the exception of certain engines that are marked as "reserved for public runs". The club has priority over the equipment, and can "recall" club equipment being used by members so as to assist in public run events, the operation meet in January, or anytime deemed necessary. Club equipment should be treated just like it was your own personal equipment. Return it in better condition than you received it.

Resident members can also rent storage track (or possibly purchase storage) to store any personal railroad equipment. Certain requirements are mandated for personal equipment. Please refer to the MLS rule book for further information. Even personal equipment needs to be operated safely, as unsafe handling can result in injury to yourself and others or can cause damage to MLS property. If you are planning on purchasing your own equipment, please do your research and even consult with seasoned members before making any purchase for the first time. Most members can point you in the right direction with your purchase or even recommend why you should hold off on buying your own equipment. We recommend waiting a minimum of one year before buying your own equipment. If you already have your own equipment, you are still required to pass your engineers test annually and always adhere to MLS rules.

If you are interested in some of the club areas such as signaling, track, equipment maintenance, construction, please speak with the leader or member involved in that group. They can be very helpful in discussing the opportunities available. Leader photos are posted above. Some areas and equipment are locked and require joining that group for access.

MLS New Member Orientation

After becoming an operating member the person shall be directed to contact the new member orientation committee. A face to face meeting will be arranged by the end of the next general meeting to provide the following:

Overview of the club and its goals. Introduction to the BOD and superintendents. Description of Saguaro Central and AMRS.

Walking tour of the club house, club locomotive container, car barn, transfer tables, turntables, Adobe tower & Adobe station. Discuss the track plan.

Option to take the written engineer test at that time, or be directed to the web page.

Safety briefing (verbal, written overview or video).

Description of the work details including track work, signal maintenance, landscaping, special events and public runs.

Discuss responsibilities of an operating member (supply gas, check oil, complete log book, leave equipment as you found it or better).

New Member Checklist:

- A copy of the MLS operating rules and bylaws (electronic or printed)
- Whistle, Flashlight, 2-Way FRS Radio options (club has VHF radios for Sunday run use)
- Operating Member Key to Club Equipment
- Nametag (usually take 2-4 weeks and will be placed on the table in Ford Station)
- Combination to Front Gate
- List of Contacts and Phone Numbers (above)
- Map of Park (below)
- Guidelines on running prior to meets and public run days
- Proper shoes for a desert work environment
- Instructions on backing up mid-switch, clearing all the switches & re-railing a train

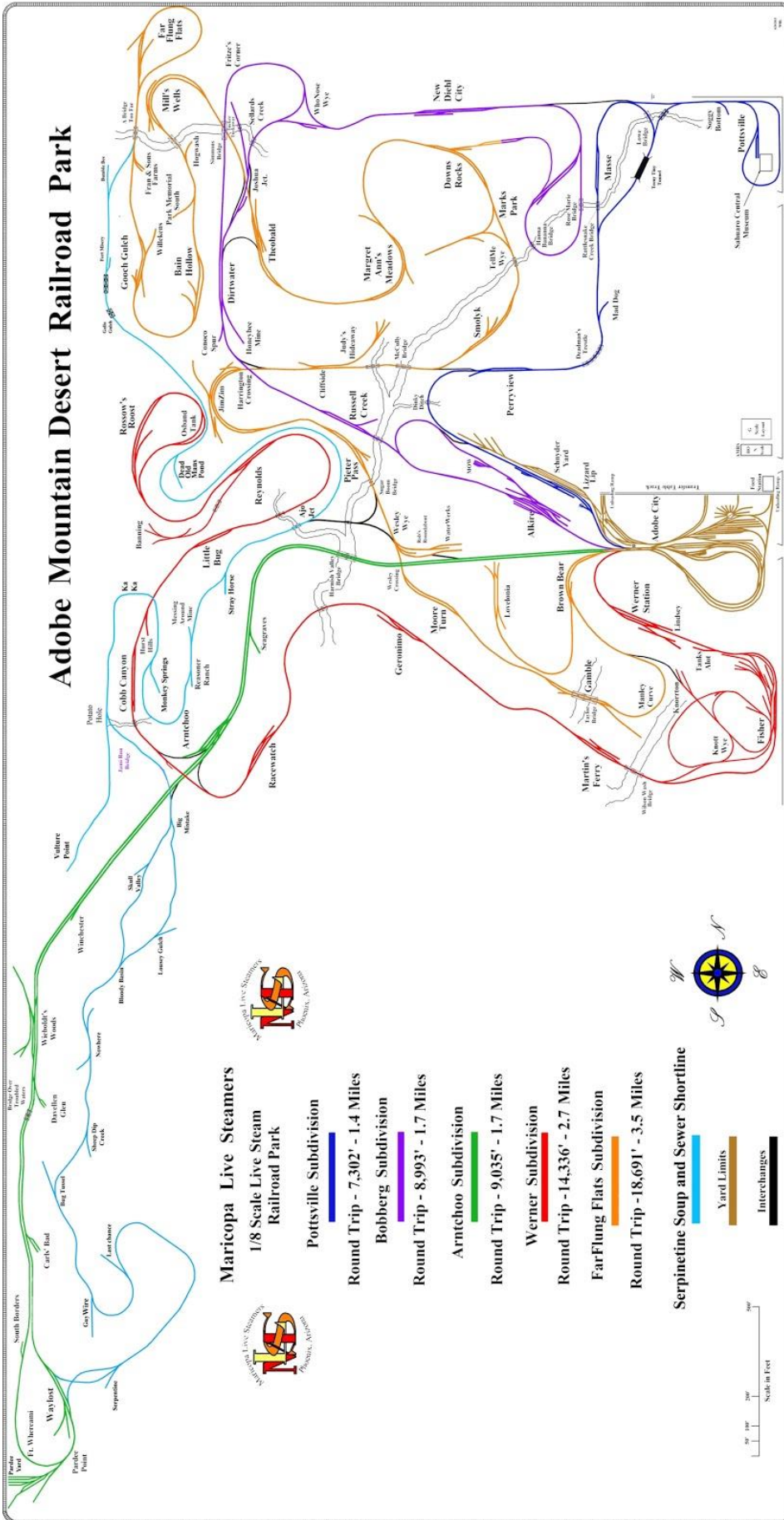
Road Locos: Explain red tags, Must supply fuel & check oil, use log books

- Instruction on 2001 BNSF (Reserved for public runs)
- Instruction on 2001 UP, 411 Santa Fe, 4402 AW, 4403 AW,
- Instruction on 7282 AW & 6005 PW (recommended new member trains)
- Instruction on "Yellow Speeder" and "Lil Blue"
- Instruction on transfer tables
- Railroad Status Board for updates on closed division-this must be checked before departing on any trip
- Instruction on Turnouts and CTC Computer. Pushbutton for turnout control in balloon loop
- Instruction on Storage Container
- Instruction on Rolling Stock
- Instruction on Turnout/Track Issue white board in Freight Station
- Public Run training (Station Master, Engineer, Conductor, Concession)
- 5mph speed limit main line & 3mph through switches and in yard/sidings

Explain the following events and how to get involved:

- Volunteer for Sunday Runs (Conductor, Engineer, Concession)
- Attend a Meet
- Attend a club meeting and safety meeting
- Attend a Friend's Night or ice cream social
- Volunteer to help out during the week or weekends and on Saturday work days

Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park



Maricopa Live Steamers

1/8 Scale Live Steam Railroad Park

Pottsville Subdivision

Round Trip - 7,302' - 1.4 Miles

Bobberg Subdivision

Round Trip - 8,993' - 1.7 Miles

Arntchoo Subdivision

Round Trip - 9,035' - 1.7 Miles

Werner Subdivision

Round Trip - 14,356' - 2.7 Miles

FarFlung Flats Subdivision

Round Trip - 18,691' - 3.5 Miles

Serpentine Soup and Sewer Shortline

