

Maricopa Live Steamers STACK TALK

October, 2021

The official newsletter of the Adobe Mountain Railroad in Phoenix, Arizona. Operated by the Maricopa Live Steamers Railroad Heritage Preservation Society.





President's Page

October is the time to pay your dues. Sahuaro Central has informed us that the Park usage fee has to be raised 5.00 dollars starting next year 2023 to cover the last two years of the contract with the county. This is NOT a dues increase.

The fire ban is still in place. **No running of steam engines.**They are not allowed. With the rain we are getting today, hopefully the County will lift the fire ban soon.

The Fall Meet is three weeks away — Oct. 27 thru Oct. 31. If you have time before then, **PLEASE** come out and help us get the Park ready. There is so much that needs to be done. I really need people to come out and clear the weeds away from the tracks. I think it's starting to cool down, so **PLEASE** come out. Every Sat. starting at 7 am, we have a group of people at the Park who could help you find a much needed project to work on. And there's always a constant need for people with rakes and shovels to clear the weeds. Mike Grant has been using the tractor to temporarily knock down the weeds. I trimmed trees and had the Boy Scouts come out to clean up all of the tree branches. Wow, did they do a great job of cleaning up. **THANK YOU** so much to Spencer Arntz for getting the troops out here to help us out.

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Cliff Fought and I have been straying weeds. Serpentine and Far Flung have not been sprayed yet, but we're working on it.
Bill Lowe is still building switches. As you can see, Joe Schnyder and his track crew, Joe and Trish Kalisak and Scott Mack, are regenerating track all over the Park. THANK YOU so very much everyone for your time and talents.

Nominations are open for next year's Board members. Please send your nominations to:

Donna Hohm <u>donnahohm@yahoo</u> or Charlotte Hughes <u>hughescs@gmail.com</u>.

Did you know that you can support the Maricopa Live Steamers just by shopping at Fry's Food Stores? It's easy when you enroll in Fry's Community Rewards Program. The Kroger Family of Stores (Fry's parent company) is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. They do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program at Fry's Food Stores. As your neighborhood food retailer, Fry's deeply values their ability to support local organizations like Maricopa Live Steamers. To get started, sign up with your Fry's V.I.P. Card at the link below and select Maricopa Live Steamers as the organization you wish to support. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn money for the club every time you shop and use your V.I.P. Card! How easy is that? www.fryscommunityrewards.co.

Safety first.

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2021 Board of Directors and Adjunct Staff

Donna Hohm, Membership Committee Chairman From the Desk of:

> 2022 ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS Subject:

Nominations are now being accepted for these Board of Directors positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Members-at-Large.

Please submit your name and/or the name of someone you would like to nominate along with the position for which you are nominating that person. Please submit all names prior to October 20th. No names will be accepted after that date. Nominees will be contacted to see if they will accept the nomination. Please email the information to:

Charlotte Hughes hughescs@gmail.com or Donna Hohm donnahohm@yahoo.com.

The election will be held during the Membership Meeting on November 13th. Your signature will be required on the ballot to validate your membership. It will be removed before the votes are tallied in order to maintain the confidentiality of your vote. Ballots will be available in the clubhouse after the completion of the nomination process.

Thank you, Nomination Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Signals on the Pottsville, Bobberg and Werner should be working now. Far Flung is still dark.
- Drinks will no longer be available in the clubhouse due to the lack of cash deposits in the donation jar. Everyone must now bring their own hydration when visiting the park.

CALENDAR

Sat. Oct. 9 11 AM **Board of Directors Meeting** Sat. Oct. 9 12 noon

Mon. Oct. 18 - Sun. Oct. 24

Mon. Oct. 25 - Sun. Oct. 31

General Membership Meeting

Fall Meet Work Week

Fall Meet

Perry McCully President

Joe Schnyder Vice President

Mick Janzen Secretary

Bob Douglas Treasurer

Bill Cobb Mike Grant Tom Harrington Members at Large

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Cliff Fought

Superintendent Construction

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Matt Rockwell Sawmill Superintendent

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Hank Gallo

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Terry Liesegang

Road Signal Superintendent

Tower Signal Superintendent

Bill Pardee Boiler Inspector

Joe Feao 1-inch Operations

Joe Schnyder Safety

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Pete Pennarts

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John Draftz Advertising

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Vice President's Page

ANNUAL STATE OF THE CLUB ADDRESS

We had an inspection of the property on Monday, September 20th, and we had quite an entourage

of County officials present. After the inspection of the clubhouse, they wanted to open containers and inspect. The first two containers we opened had fuel cans on the floor, which is a direct violation of guidelines. After the first two, I tried to lead the group of inspectors to the containers where I knew the owners had only electric engines, and they were not at all pleased by that. All fuel cans are to be 4 feet up in the container on a secure shelf. If you have fuel, oil or any chemicals in your container, you **MUST** have a Material Data Sheet for each item of chemical composition in a secure place in full view of the open door.

In the clubhouse and in the repair facility, I have already labeled the items that require an MDS sheet correctly placed for quick identification. The MDS sheets are there to warn Firefighters that additional caution needs to be taken due to possible flammability or explosion, as well as the type of fire suppression method to be used on those chemicals. It's someone's child who could be hurt after answering that fire call that could involve your container. For some of you, the MDS was previously known as an MSDS sheet. If you have a fire extinguisher in your container, it also needs an MDS sheet because of its chemical contents. All of these sheets for club items are done and updated by me, so please do not bring any items into the clubhouse or repair facilities without an MDS sheet posted in sight of the chemical or product. We have not gotten the written inspection report back yet but, if we are fined for these infractions, the club will pass the fines along to the container owners who chose not to follow the rules.

We have gotten notice that our per member Park Usage Fee will be increased in 2022 by the County Parks Department. Not in 2022, but in 2023 there will have to be a dues increase of between 5 and 8 dollars to cover that Park Usage Fee increase. We are not going to raise the dues for 2022 since, thanks to all of the early birds, we have already received a lot of membership renewals for 2022 and don't want to go back to them for more money now.

THANK YOU to all who have paid your dues, as 2022 is almost upon us. We always try to keep the renewal amounts as small but fair as possible, to keep us solvent and out of the red. The money we are collecting now from the 2022 dues must keep us solvent and pay all of our operating expenses until December 31st, 2022. When you hear the financial report at a meeting, that fund has to keep us going for the whole year before we start collecting dues again for the next year.

There are ways that everyone can help reduce costs so that we wouldn't have to raise dues. APS has raised our commercial accounts by 1.5 percent beginning in October, 2021, so **PLEASE**, **PLEASE**, **PLEASE** turn the lights out when you leave an area. So far this year, our power bills have totaled 4,800 dollars just for the first nine months!!! That could end up being 6,400 dollars for the year. That 1.5 percent will mean an increase in our power bill next year of about 100 dollars. **PLEASE** turn the lights off when you walk away, and be considerate of the water, too.



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MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS!





HAPPY REMINISCING

story and photos by Tom Harrington

Had a mini-Mac meet at my home layout in Oklahoma on September 4th. These were the attendees. Mine is the 04. It was born around 2004, and was my first loco to run on the Adobe Western track. To get it from Oklahoma to the AZ track, I took the cab off and carried it as carry-on luggage. With the chassis packed in a large suitcase protected by pillows, it was checked as luggage on South West for a slight over weight fee. It weighed about 60 pounds, suitcase and all. Older members may remember how I was glued to that Mac when I joined the club. Many, many miles were traveled during 2004-2007 or so before it was returned to Oklahoma when my larger locomotives arrived at the track. Those were great years for me and the club. Talk about memorable train activity.

A few photos from the Muskogee and North Western Railroad's Big Mini-Mack Meet





THANK YOU

story and photo by Mick Janzen

Special recognition and thanks to Joe and Trish Kalisak for many hours of track work. Here they stand by the newly finished lead track. This will be greatly appreciated on Sunday, Opening Day.



Strangest Train I Have Ever Seen!!!

story and link by Joe Schnyder

This has got to be the strangest train and "locomotive" that I have ever seen! Several vehicles have both rubber tires and flanged steel railroad wheels! Articulated cars carrying what I guess are bags of coal. There isn't much information in the short paragraph accompanying the video. It doesn't come right out and say that it's Indonesia, but says the locomotive was made there to carry coal on undulating track! Anyway, it not very long, but I found it interesting.

Here's the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pU1vjT9FJY&authuser=0





PLEASE

CLICK

MLS Safety and Operating Rules (printable PDF format)

MLS Online Engineer's Test (online entry, auto-submission)



TODAY'S HUMOR

jokes reprinted courtesy of Brian Coleman, Editor PBMRI

PORT BAY EXPRESS October, 2021

During the Melbourne Lockdown
Brian Coleman (pictured) has been
busy building three new signals for the
PBMR. They consist of signals fitted
with new Calling On arms to improve
the flow of trains thru the station
platform tracks. Another new safety
feature for our miniature railway
operation. (Pic: Tessie Coleman.)

THE NILE VIRUS, TYPE C

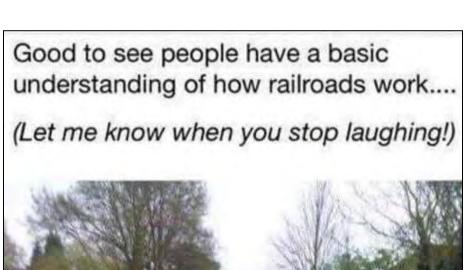
Virologists have identified a new Nile Virus – type C It appears to target those born between 1920 and 1960.

SYMPTOMS:

- 1. Causes you to send the same message twice
- 2. Causes you to send a blank message
- 3. Causes you to send a message to the wrong person
- 4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you
- 5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment
- 6. Causes you to hit SEND before you've finished
- 7. Causes you to hit DELETE instead of SEND
- 8. Causes you to SEND when you should DELETE

It is called the C-NILE VIRUS !!.

And if you can't admit to doing the above, you've obviously caught the mutated strain, the D-NILE Virus !!.



LOCAL PHOTO's

by Bob DiDomenico











Photos taken on Railroad Ave. east of York Rd. in Bensenville, IL.

Commuter train – Chicago Metra, Milwaukee Division West,
operating on Canadian Pacific track. MOW equipment located on a spur –
west end of CP Rail Bensenville/Franklin Park yards (south of O'Hare).



Click and drag SW corner of O'Hare airport to center of map. Then use the

+ zoom button to zoom down until spur (Railroad Ave east of York) is visible.

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TRACKING TRACKSIDE PROGRESS

The Last Section Remaining Between PERRYVIEW and DEADMAN's TRESTLE

story and photos by Joe Schnyder

Photo left shows where we have dug up and are installing concrete ties and steel rail in the curve. This will be done and ready before October 1st, since we are trying to have all routes open and ready for the Fall Meet and Public Rides by that date. These ties were in a termite mound, which amazes me that we did not have more derailments there due to hollow ties. Quite a few of the screws were loose because there was no wood holding the screws down.

The other two photos show Joe and Trish Kalisak doing the final dressing and tamping of the concrete tie installation on the east side of **Deadman's** Trestle. This will make for some smooth riding

on the way to the museum at Pottsville. After they finished here, Trish ran the water car over this area, soaking it down well to compact the soil around the new ties. This is just one more place where your concrete tie donations are improving the track structure for many years to come. Also notice that they cleared all the weeds away from the track where they were working. Because of the rain we had recently, there are lots of weeds needing to be cleared away from the track now, so **PLEASE** grab a shovel and rake and give us a hand clearing the weeds for the upcoming Fall Meet. **THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE.**







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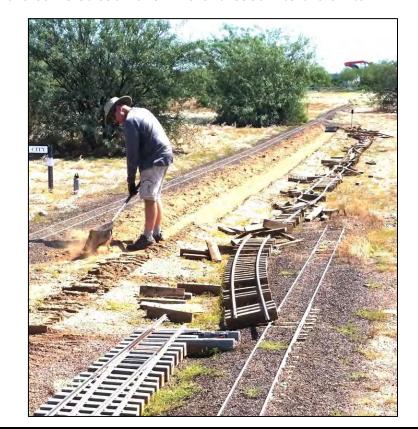
POTTSVILLE and NEW DIEHL CITY

story and photos by Joe Schnyder

Here is Joe Kalisak doing the tamping of the ballast to lock in the new concrete ties that he and Trish installed in the Pottsville track at the South end of the museum. We have replaced all of the ties in the curves around the museum except for the north east corner curve but that is because we ran out of time and are trying to keep Pottsville open starting on October 1st. I hope we will be able to finish that last curve this year. First, I need to get more concrete ties made and set out over there. But I can't start the job until I'm sure that I can get it finished within one week, so that the track would be open again by Sunday.



Here is Scott Mack helping me get the westbound side of New Diehl City dug out and ready to install new panels to get this section of termite riddled ties replaced. He has dug it out to get the switch loose and get the base back to level in an effort to get rid of the roller coaster effect here. Both ends have been replaced with new plastic ties and steel rails in the switches. We will be putting steel rail in the curve at each end where it leads into the switch.



HAPPENINGS PAST!

stories and photos by Hank Gallo

9/11/21:

The inspection crew was working on our Public Rides equipment for the opening day of October 3rd, 2021.

THANK YOU to Larry Messing, Jim Zimmerman, Mike Grant, Pete Pennarts, Perry McCully and Hank Gallo.

We were able to get the entire fleet inspected. Larry arrived around 6 am to spot the cars and the rest of us arrived after that to do the inspections.

9.11.2021



https://www.facebook.com/TrainRides/videos/573114860491203/

In preparation for our planned October 3rd, 2021 opening, I was able to get another guest star to make our Public Ride safety briefing. You are the first to see our new Public Rides safety briefing for the 2021-2022 season starring Terry Kiser, better known as Bernie, from "Weekend at Bernie's". We met him at Mad Monster Party 2021 and, when I explained what our club did for the community, he agreed to do the video for us. He had me laughing the entire session, so much fun. Terry ad-libbed all the way through, so I had to do some editing to get the run time down. Thanks Terry!









HAPPENING SOON

ARIZONA RAILWAY DAY 2021



November 13, 9 AM-4 PM At The Arizona Railway Museum 330 E Ryan Road Chandler AZ 85286 www.azrymuseum.org 480-821-1108

Bring the whole family to explore the glory days of local and long distance rail travel and discover life aboard the train. View beautiful displays of RR dining car china. Climb into the cab of a die-sel locomotive and blow the horn. See operating RR signals. Bring your camera to capture images of yesterday's luxury and technology. Huge sale of RR books, magazines, models & timetables.

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Railroad Signal Displays



Blow The Horn in a Diesel Loco





FALL MEET

SWITCHING SESSION

John Draftz

<u>izdraftz@cox.net</u>

Based on feedback from guests, an operations segment is part of our open Meet. The goal of the 2-day segment is to give guests/members experience switching cars on a branch following prototype procedures, i.e. not moving cars by hand. The segment would be challenging enough so that veterans of operations Meets would still enjoy participating, but simple enough for those learning what operations is all about.

The Adobe Yard has 2-car cuts ready for spotting on a branch. On the branch are two other cars to be brought to the yard. Additionally, there is one car on the branch that is to be moved from point A to B. Since crews work with only five cars, it enables smaller engines to be used. An added "wrinkle" to the switching is that it is done in "dark territory," i.e. the signals are off on the branch, thus crews must use radio communication while switching.

The segment (or switching session) is Tuesday and Wednesday of the meet from 9-5. The branch is otherwise open to anyone. There is a safety/orientation briefing at 8:00 am Tuesday and Wednesday.



Meet dates are October 25th through October 31st 2021 Work week is Monday October 18th through October 24th 2021 2021 Fall Meet Registration Form Maricopa Live Steamers

E-mail address:Cell number:	count of people who plan to attend).	Your name and the number of people in your party. (We will not be providing badges; this is only to get a
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*All steam engines must have a current boiler inspection and solid fuel engines must have spark arrestors

*All steam engines under fire must not be left unattended

*RV's are permitted 10/18-10/31 Dry Camping only, no water, no electric and no sewer.

*No discharge of any water on the ground

If COVID and County restrictions allow, we will have

Continental breakfast of coffee and donuts will be served at a cost of \$2.00 per person Breakfasts and lunches served Thursday through Saturday 10/28-10/30

Lunch and drink will be served at a cost of \$7.00 per person cash only at the door

Drinks will be available for \$1.00

*NO EVENING MEALS WILL BE SERVED

THERE ARE MANY LOCAL EATERIES AND GROCERY STORES

*THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION FEE

HOWEVER ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED*

We now accept PayPal for donations at MLSDONATIONS@YAHOO.COM

We are inviting everyone to come ride trains and enjoy

Maricopa Live Steamer's 2021 Fall Meet

A Switching Session Safety/Orientation Briefing will be at 8:00am Tuesday and Wednesday ALL COUNTY RULES IN EFFECT. ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED!

Scottsdale AZ, 10705 North 109th Way Please mail or email this form to Donna Hohm donnahohm@yahoo.com

Any questions contact:

Donna Hohm: donnahohm@yahoo.com Belinda Kulman: bkulman09@gmail.com



2022 MLS Annual Membership Form Please complete this application and mail it to:

Attn: Membership Committee 22822 N. 43rd Ave Maricopa Live Steamers Glendale, AZ 85310



2022 dues can be paid between October 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021. They must be paid by December 31st 2021 to be included in the 2022 Roster donnahohm@yahoo.com

Anyone with personal equipment stored on MLS property must pay Resident Membership dues. We are now accepting PayPal. If using PayPal please add the \$10.00 processing fee at the bottom of this form. New Membership: Renewal: Has your information changed from last year? YES NO NO Nome: Primary Member: Spouse Standalone Unior Member (\$10 per child) Standalone Junior Membership (more than 75 miles from Phoenix) Name: Primary Member Spouse Standalone Junior Membership must have a sponsor that is a Resident Member. Name: Spouse Standalone Junior Member: \$10 Container Rental Fee: Standalone Sponsor Standalone Sponsor Standalone Sponsor Rental Fee: Standalone Sponsor Standalone Sponsor Rental Fee: Standalone Rental Fee:	Z	TOTAL PAYMENT	
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Adobe Mountain Railroad / Maricopa Live Steamers General Release

personal injury. Society (AMRS), Maricopa County and Flood control from all liability for my property damage and /or voluntary participation, and release Maricopa Live Steamers (MLS), Sahuaro Central, Az. Model Railroad Railroad track Equipment in particular, can be dangerous, and I agree to accept all risks associated with my By signing this release, I acknowledge that railroading in general and riding on a scale riding car, or other

granting the undersigned permission to ride and agree that: In consideration of Maricopa Live Steamers their respective officers, agents, servants, volunteer's and lessors

- Assumption of Risk: I know and understand the scope, nature and extent of the risks associated with riding on an open air riding-car and I willingly and knowingly accept the risk.
- 2 Rules Compliance: As a passenger I have viewed the video on safety specifically on seating and my footing I understand them, and I agree to abide by them. during the ride. As a passenger, I confirm that the rules applicable to my conduct have been explained to me
- Train rides are free: Park visitors are not charged for riding the train. Donations are accepted
- .4 3 control in the event of destruction of my property, my injury or death. In that regard I covenant to indemnify, precluded from pursuing a claim or lawsuit against Sahuaro Central, MLS, AMRS, Maricopa County and Flood on this train ride. I understand that I am surrendering legal rights which I may otherwise have, and will be liability for any claim, loss, damage, injury, or death, regardless of the cause, while participating as a passenger any such claims are asserted against them or any of them. defend and hold harmless to the fullest extent permitted by law the foregoing persons and entities from any loss or Release from Liability: I release Sahuaro Central, MLS, AMRS, Maricopa County and Flood control from any damages, including reasonable attorney fees and litigation expenses, which may be incurred by them in the event

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING, You will be bound by the terms of this release if you sign without

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Age	Age	Age	Age		Name (Printed):	For Minor Child(ren) under 18 years of age, Adult assuming responsibility for Minor(s). must also personally sign.	Name (Printed):	Name (Printed):	Name (Printed):	Name (Printed):