



# Maricopa Live Steamers

## STACK TALK

November, 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



As I write this, the fall meet is coming to an end, and I think everyone had a good time. I saw a few new faces this time around. It was a small crowd this year and that is okay – less wear and tear on the track. We had a new vender show up called Rendahl Models. He sells propane burner jets, throttle needle valves, and low pressure gauges. Their email: [ben@bengiebumers.com](mailto:ben@bengiebumers.com) and website: [www.bengiebumers.com](http://www.bengiebumers.com).

2022 Board Elections are Nov. 13 and we need to receive your **mailed ballot before the 13th. Don't forget, USPS is sloooow.** Or you can bring it to the meeting at noon. The Board meeting is at 11 am and the membership meeting and ballot counting will be at noon on Nov.13.

We had a leaking roof in the club house during the monsoon. The roof is almost 20 years old, which means the underlayment is going to rot. One of our members got wind of the problem and donated the money to repair the roof and then some money for track work. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU** very much for your generosity.



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Someone came to the club with 4 boxes of CDs. The title is *A Treasury of American Railroad Songs and Ballads, vols 2 and 3.* Don't know where volume 1 is. If you want a set you have to come get them in the club house.

Joe Schnyder and John Draftz have had some medical issues but are on the mend. Joe will be back after a motor car trip. John will be a little longer getting back to the park. Dewey Mills and Glen Lynch paid us a visit over the weekend. I haven't seen those two for quite awhile. Mick Janzen let Dewey and Glen ride around in her golf cart so that they could see what was going on around the park. **THANK YOU** Mick for doing that.

There is a work week beginning on Monday, Jan. 3 and runs thru Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022. The Operational Meet begins on Jan. 12 with a meeting at 6 pm. that ALL participants MUST attend. Jan. 16 is clean up day for all of the cars that are left out on the track.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

Safety first.

Perry



*for Life, Family and Friends*

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### 2021 – 2022 Public Rides

Our first weekend open and our first two guests were Keith and his son Henry. Keith asked why we didn't make our PayPal donation link available for those who don't carry cash.

Thanks for asking Keith, here it is, great idea! Just scan this code and it will open the PayPal app and set up our donation link. These signs are posted around the train station too. Thanks Keith. (hank)



Scan. Pay. Go.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* MLS has a Paypal QR Code so that donations can be made with an iPhone.
- \* Drinks are again available in the clubhouse. Please remember to deposit your fair share of the exchange into the donation jar.

### CALENDAR

- |      |         |         |  |
|------|---------|---------|--|
| Sat. | Nov. 13 | 11 AM   | Board of Directors Meeting                                       |
| Sat. | Nov. 13 | 12 noon | General Membership Meeting – <a href="#">'22 Board Elections</a> |

<b>Perry McCully</b> President	<b>Joe Schnyder</b> Vice President
<b>Mick Janzen</b> Secretary	<b>Bob Douglas</b> Treasurer
<b>Bill Cobb Mike Grant Tom Harrington</b> Members at Large	
<b>Cliff Fought</b> Superintendent Construction	<b>Hank Gallo</b> Superintendent Operations
<b>Dave Kulman</b> Maintenance of Way Superintendent	<b>Matt Rockwell</b> Sawmill Superintendent
<b>Terry Liesegang</b> Road Signal Superintendent	<b>Dakota Clemens</b> Tower Signal Superintendent
<b>Bill Pardee</b> Boiler Inspector	<b>Joe Fego</b> 1-inch Operations Superintendent
<b>Joe Schnyder</b> Safety	<b>Jim Zimmerman</b> Engineer Test Administrator
<b>Pete Pennarts</b> Facility Administrator	<b>John Broughman</b> Public Run Crew Coordinator
<b>John Draftz</b> Advertising	<b>Donna Hohm</b> Membership Committee Chairman
<b>Matt Rockwell</b> Holiday Lights Committee	<b>John Bergt</b> <b>Timothy Freeman</b> Web Masters

**Ken Giordano**  
Stack Talk Editor

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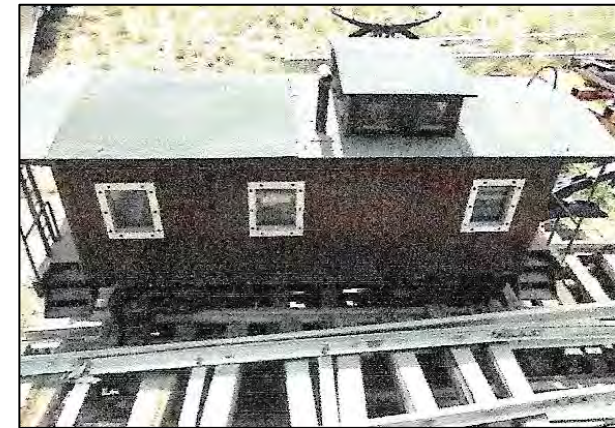


## FOR SALE

7 1/2" gauge American General live steam locomotive, with coal tender, coal car, flat car, caboose; approx. 800 feet of track and 1600 railroad ties; 2 working stands; loading stand; coal; some accessories; \$7,500.00.

**Call Gary Hays @ 928-771-9640**

Located in Chino Valley, AZ





# MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS!

## Friends at the Park

stories & photos by Hank Gallo



This is Perryview, heading back to Adobe Station. I derailed the loco by splitting the switch going into Perryview and lifted it with a bear hug to get it back on the track. My back and arms are still sore . . . but the ladies were impressed.

I took some friends for a train ride to Pottsville the evening of September 27. We had nice weather and a beautiful sunset.





# HAPPENINGS PAST!

## First Run of 2021-22 Season – October 3, 2021 – about 40 riders



story & photos  
by  
Hank Gallo



Engineer Mick & Engineer Joe K

OUR VOLUNTEERS: Back Row: John B, Sandy & Jerry G,  
Donna H, Chuck L, Jim T, Jim Z, Joe K  
Front Row: President Perry M, Larry M, Mick J, Trish K



Engineer/Owner Mick J on her  
newly refurbished Cheshire  
SW-1500 with Conductor Jim Z.



Conductors Trish K & Jim Z



Lord  
Vader  
bids  
you  
good  
eve!





### October 10, 2021

**PUBLIC RIDES CANCELLED** There are bees in the park by the loading station. Do NOT go any closer than Ford's patio. You will be attacked if you get any closer to the loading station. These bees are AFRICAN BEES. They should be dead by Monday Oct. 11. — Perry

The BoD didn't want to take any chances since those bees attacked folks far away from the hive. I was upset about closing, but it was safer to stay closed. I hung out with Larry Messing there today and we only had 3 families visit between 11am and 3pm.

We stayed in the station and there were only a few bees and none came near us. I would have been mad spending a beautiful day there and having no riders. The state fair opened so folks may have gone there. I can't imagine we reached ALL of our fans just on my FB message. — Hank



## Sunday Public Rides

stories and photos  
by Hank Gallo

### October 24, 2021

Some photos from today's train rides. Our last train of the day went to the museum, so several of us took the trip, too. Lots of new additions since I was there last. Next week, we're open on Halloween Day, 11am – 3pm. Most of our volunteers will be in costume. Feel free to wear your costume when you visit on Halloween!! We'll be playing our "Eddie Munster" Butch Patrick safety video. We have invited our singing pumpkins to perform in the waiting line, but since it will be daytime, they'll will appear on our TV monitor.



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**PUBLIC RIDES (cont'd)**



Run coordinator John B



Yardmaster Larry M



**October 31, 2021**

Halloween: We had many visitors and some of our volunteers arrive in costume. A great day to be riding the rails! We had Singing Pumpkins and a new digital tombstone I brought from home to show off.



Engineer David and Conductor Jim T

Engineer Wonder Women (Mick J) and Conductor Superman (Jim Z)





## FALL MEET – Mini-Ops Switching Session

The Fall Meet Tuesday-Wednesday Switching Session by all accounts was a success.

The switching session has five phases. Phase 1 is setting out the yellow paddles marking where cars are to be spotted. This was done by Mike Grant and Bill & Raquel Grant on the Saturday before.

Phase 2 is the Monday before when all of the cars involved are sorted by their number and destination. This is the critical phase. Helping with that were Scotty Brooks, Bill Grant, Mike Grant, Charlotte Hughes, Dale Jury and Larry Messing.

Phase 3 is the session itself on Tues. and Wed. where crews take a switch list that tells them which cars to spot on the railroad, which to bring into the yard, and which to move from point A to B on the railroad. It goes from 9-5 each day. Various people were involved in that. John Lovely gave the safety briefings each day.

story by Scotty Brooks

Phase 4 is the round up of the cars out on the railroad after the session bringing them back to the yard where they are re-classified into public trains for later use. This was done by Larry Messing.

Phase 5 is the gathering of the paddles set up before the session.

For those who like operations, the switching session is a warm up for our Winterfest card order Operations Meet in January. See our MLS web site for details and come join us if you can.

Big round of applause please . . . and **THANK YOU** to:

Larry Messing, full time helper, Charlotte Hughes, full time helper, John Lovely, Mike Grant, Bill & Raquel Grant, Dale Jury (a visitor) and Scotty Brooks

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story and photos by Charlotte Hughes

I assisted in the yard for the operations session. We had a total of five trains on Tuesday and four trains on Wednesday participating in the operations. Far Flung was dark, so radios were used to announce locations and destinations of trains involved. Those running switching operations were Ernie Schwenke, John & Cynthia Lovely, Fran & Cheryl Neuer, Carlyle Rossow, and Charlotte Hughes.

*(left)* This is a photo of my train during an operating run switching cars on Far Flung. The three car at the rear are my personal work cars and a passenger car.



*(right)* This is a photo of my engine collecting the last 10 of 34 cars staged on Far Flung for the mini-operations session. The three cars in front of my switcher were in reverse order, so I separated them in order to turn them around on the turntable in Adobe Yard. The seven cars behind my operating car were "A" in the front and ready to be sorted. Larry Messing had already picked up 24 cars Wed. evening, so when I arrived early Thurs. morning, I brought in the last cars from Far Flung.





# 2021 FALL MEET PHOTOS

story and photos  
by Tom Harrington

I am having a hellava time at the Meet. Weather is perfect!  
Three nice big steam engines there, but haven't seen them run yet.



story and photos  
by  
Charlotte Hughes

The passenger is Terry Cummings, engineer and conductor unknown. It is Terry's train. The photos show the front and rear of the train.





## Maricopa Live Steamers Winterfest 2022, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Operations Meet

You are invited to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Operations Meet to be held January 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Maricopa Live Steamers in Phoenix, AZ. This is an open invitation meet but all attending people must pre-register regardless of their participation. (If you are bringing your wife, girlfriend, children, etc, they must also be pre-registered even if they do NOT plan on participating in the operation sessions. Everyone must be pre-registered by January 1st, 2020, and complete an Adobe Mtn. General Release form.

**We regret to say that we will not be able to offer catered meals at this operation meet.**

We look forward to seeing you in January. Please RSVP as soon as possible with a check or money order. We can only guarantee 90 operating positions. If we receive more than 90 participating registrants, we will rotate the additional participants in to the operation sessions.

We use FRS radios with assigned channels from 3-10 with privacy code 10. Exact channel assignments will be listed in the operation time table. You will also want to bring a flashlight, warm clothing, rain gear, (it does rain in Phoenix *occasionally*) to have fun in our cooler winter temperatures.

Please review our operating and safety rules on our website.

[www.maricopalivesteamers.com](http://www.maricopalivesteamers.com)

Track plan information can be found on the MLS website as well as a map to MLS. RV parking and camping is available but there are no RV hookup facilities. Upon arrival to MLS, please check in at Ford Station to pick up your information packet. You must be unloaded on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and ready to run card order on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registered but late arrivals will be accommodated as much as possible.

**NOTE: BRIEFING MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 12TH 6:30PM**

Maricopa Live Steamers is on one of Phoenix's natural parks. There are coyotes and other critters living here. We ask that you not bring pets for pets safety's sake.

Wednesday, January 12	All Day - Check In (Open Running) <b>BREIFING MEETING 6:30PM</b>
Thursday, January 13	8:30am - 12:00pm Card Order Running 1:00pm - 4:30pm Card Order Running 6:30pm - 9:00pm Card Order Running
Friday, January 14	8:30am - 12:00pm Card Order Running 1:00pm - 4:30pm Card Order Running 6:30pm - 9:00pm Card Order Running
Saturday, January 15	8:30am - 12:00pm Card Order Running 1:00pm - 3:00pm Card Order Running 3:00pm - 5:00pm Pick Up Cars
Sunday, January 16	All Day - Open Running (Note: Public will be present for our public run day)

HAPPENING SOON!



## Maricopa Live Steamers Winterfest 2022, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Operations Meet Registration Form

Name:

(As you want it to appear on name tag)

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Additional family members:

Will They be participating?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Additional family members:

Will They be participating?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address

(This will only be used to send you a confirmation.)

Will you be bringing any equipment?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes Please list the type and car number (if applicable).

Motive Power

(Note: Due to dry conditions, solid fuel steam engines require spark arrestors.)

Rolling Stock (to be switched) \_\_\_\_\_

Item	# of people		Price		Total
Registration Administrative Fee <b>(Non Refundable)</b>		X	\$5.00	=	
Additional Family Member's Administrative Fee <b>(Non Refundable)</b>		X	\$ 2.00	=	
Total Enclosed with RSVP					

Please make a copy of this form for your records.

Please make check payable to Maricopa Live Steamers and send to,

Jim Zimmerman, 7301 E Garfield St, Scottsdale, AZ 85257





# 2022 MLS Annual Membership Form

Please complete this application and mail it to:

Maricopa Live Steamers  
Attn: Membership Committee  
22822 N. 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Glendale, AZ 85310  
[donnahohm@yahoo.com](mailto:donnahohm@yahoo.com)



2022 dues can be paid between October 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.  
They must be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 to be included in the 2022 Roster

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

Name: Primary Member: \_\_\_\_\_ \$170 \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Junior Member (\$10 per child) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

### Non-Resident Membership (more than 75 miles from Phoenix)

Name: Primary Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

### Stand-alone Junior Membership must have a sponsor that is a Resident Member.

Name of Junior Member: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Container Rental Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional Fees:

Club Locomotive Use Fee (First Year Only) \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Locomotive or Rolling Stock Use Fee \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Name Badges can be purchased for \$10.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

MLS is in the process of upgrading the track and switches to steel rail and plastic ties. **Please consider** a tax deductible

Donation to the Track Maintenance Fund \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to the General Fund \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*PayPal fee if applicable [MLSdonations@yahoo.com](mailto:MLSdonations@yahoo.com) \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*\*\* See Page 2 for the Liability Release Form\*\*\*\***



# Adobe Mountain Railroad / Maricopa Live Steamers

## General Release

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

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

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Name(s) Printed.

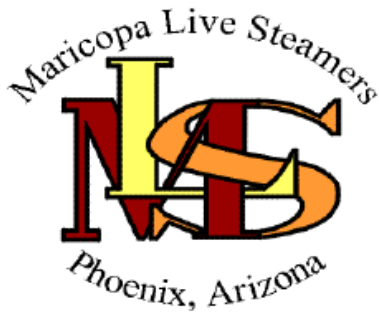
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# MLS Election Ballot for 2021 Officers and Board Members-at-Large

Vote Tally Date: November 13, 2021

## Officers:

- **President:** Perry McCully  Write In: \_\_\_\_\_   
\_\_\_\_\_
- **Vice-President:** Joe Schnyder  Write In: \_\_\_\_\_   
\_\_\_\_\_
- **Secretary:** Mick Janzen  Write In: \_\_\_\_\_   
\_\_\_\_\_
- **Treasurer:** Terry Liesegang  Write In: \_\_\_\_\_   
\_\_\_\_\_

## Board Members-at-Large (Choose No More Than 3 Names Please)

- Mike Grant  Bob Douglas  Charlotte Hughes  \_\_\_\_\_   
\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_   
\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_   
Write In: \_\_\_\_\_  Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Voting will take place at the November General Membership Meeting. Fill in each circle for the candidate you are voting for. Please present your ballot at the meeting or mail to:

MLS November Meeting, 22822 N 43rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85310

Ballots must be received prior to the November General Membership Meeting to be counted. **All ballots require a signature for membership verification.**

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**Member Name:**

**Member Signature:**