

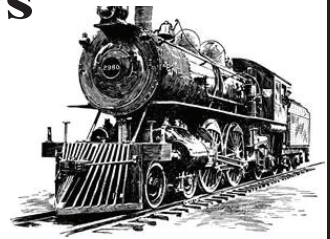


Maricopa Live Steamers

STACK TALK

March 1, 2023

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



MLS is Reaching Out for New Members

Back on December 13, 2022, Bob R and Stan F volunteered to start at the James Madison Preparatory School where Stan taught Science for ten years to see if they could interest students in trains. Stan said they are always looking for outside presenters. So by talking about steam they were able to promote trains, how they work on steam, and of course talked about MLS with the addition of the new brochures to pass out. They did a morning and an afternoon presentation with two classes each, and it was such a hit, they were asked to do it again next year.



Stan is at home with Power Point.

Bob can always talk about steam.

So they seem to make up a good team.

If you're curious, they used Stan's little 1" scale locomotive to demonstrate steam components.

In the January meeting, Pete asked for more ideas to get members, and John Drafts suggested the Chandler Rail Fair. So, since Stan and Bob had a little practice, once again they packed up Stan's little 1" scale engine and set up a "booth" at the Rail Fair event.



Behind Stan and Bob is a local switcher that Union Pacific parked on the tracks inside the fence overnight for display and the cab was open to the public.

It was a success and they'll go back next year with an expanded program, and have already arranged for a better location. Also attending the event were Pete, Charlotte, Tim, Dan, and Dakota, and John Draftz. Dakota provided two signal masts for the event.



The new MLS Banner was displayed and attracted a lot of attention, bringing attendees to the booth. They found many people had never heard of MLS or the fact that there was a club with this much track in the north Phoenix area.

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Information from the February 11th meeting

1. New guidelines were voted on and approved. They are published again here as mandated in the by- laws.
2. The club is going to buy herbicide spray and is looking for people to apply it.
3. Need volunteers to help cut down weeds.
4. Scouts are invited to help clean up Friendship park and the station before the meet..
5. John Drafts has been calling to round up help at the Sunday runs.
6. Bids for rail were received and the winning bid was Phil Nilsson at \$427.
7. Ops meet was a huge success. Happy that lunch was available. A big Thank You to Jim Zimmerman.
8. Need a cocoordinator for the Fall Meet.
9. Still need budgets from some committee heads.
10. **REGISTER FOR SPRING MEET- See form on pg 4 . All details are there. Free Continental breakfast!**
Email Joe Kalisak if you are coming to the meet. And mail in your form or bring it with you.
Have you paid your dues? Send dues to Joe Kalisak if you have not done so.

The safety committee is:

Chair - John Draftz, Vice President, **602-942-3457**, jzdraftz@cox.net

Member - Bill Pardee, Chief Boiler Inspector, **602-571-3851**, bpardee@cox.net

Member - Joe Fego, 4 3/4" gauge, **717-553-3041**, coalcrackerjoe@cox.net

Call these members for your engine inspection or if there is any safety issue.



Recognizing **Members Thank You!**
Jim Zimmerman can almost always be seen as conductor on the end of Mick's Chessie train. But in the background, he works tirelessly organizing the Ops meet. If you participate in this event, you know how much work goes into the maps, the industry flags, waybills made up, and cars positioned. We wouldn't have this fun event without him. He's also the engineering test and card administrator!



Donna Hohm is always around to help. She paints anything that doesn't move, provides those yummy pies at meetings, takes care of the kitchen, and is there every Sunday to help with train rides.



Jerry Grundy is an outstanding station master, managing train dispatch, the safety videos, and crowd control, getting each train sent off safely. He also organizes the riders exiting from the trains and promotes donations and the gift shop. AND, he does this EVERY Sunday!

Maricopa Live Steamers

Is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Part of the requirements for this status is educating the public. As you have seen In this issue, members are reaching out to the public so they can spread the knowledge of trains and the fun they bring. Come out on a Sunday and see for yourself, the enthusiasm kids and parents have, just to get a train ride. You can join in and help. Even if it's just talking to people in line, MLS needs a few hours of your time.

Call Hank and let him know you can help out. 602-300-3396

These changes have been approved by the membership at the Feb 11th meeting and as per the Bylaws, are being published here for the membership.

Changes to Rules and Guidelines

Current

210. Renters may, by mutual consent, exchange their space. The treasurer shall be notified before the next regular Board of Directors (BoD) meeting when such an exchange occurs. New rental agreements shall be signed; **however, for seniority purposes, the original dates shall be used.**
215. When space becomes available, existing renters shall be allowed to exchange their space for the available space. If more than one such renter wants the available space, **seniority among those renters wanting the space shall be used to determine who shall be allowed to exchange.**
220. **If there is a waiting list for storage space at year's end, renters having multiple spaces shall only be allowed to initially renew one space. If there are more multiple-space renters than there are members waiting for space, seniority among multiple-space renters shall be used to determine who shall relinquish extra space.**
225. Each renter/sub-renter shall own the operational equipment to be stored in the storage space.
230. **A renter may not qualify more than one space each year with the same equipment.**
235. Sub-renter runs shall not apply toward the renter's run obligations.
240. MLS storage units are primarily for storing operational locomotives. At least one such locomotive shall be stored in each unit unless there are more units and spaces than locomotives. Riding cars may be stored with the locomotive if space permits. The track in front of each unit remains part of the general Maricopa Live Steamers track system and is not under the control of the storage unit renter. Common courtesy would dictate that the unit renter should be able to use the track in front of the unit whenever possible. Under meet conditions, the volume of visiting equipment may require that the tracks in the steaming bay be assigned by the Meet Coordinator and individuals may need to schedule when they may bring their equipment out of storage.
245. A maximum of five (5) gallons of fuel may be stored at a minimum of four (4) feet above the floor.
250. Combustible fuels stored with engines may only be stored in tanks that are part of the engine or intender fuel bins. Propane or other such fuels may be stored in model equipment connected to the engine.
255. Prior to being stored, steam engines shall have all fires extinguished, boiler pressure blown down to a zero-gauge pressure, and, as applicable, ashes cleaned out of the firebox and ash pan. Fuel tanks shall have the main shut-off valve closed tightly.

Proposed

210. Renters may, by mutual consent, exchange their space **with existing renters.** The treasurer shall be notified before the next regular Board of Directors (BoD) meeting when such an exchange occurs. New rental agreements shall be signed **and kept on file by the treasurer to ensure correct rental fees are maintained. (02-23)**
215. When space becomes available, **priority will be given to those on the MLS Storage waiting list. If any additional rental space remains available, the** existing renters shall be allowed to exchange their space for the available space. If more than one such renter wants the available space, a **"Lottery System" shall be used to determine who shall be allowed to exchange their space. The space that was exchanged for now becomes available to members on the MLS waiting list. (02-23)**
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**Maricopa Live Steamers
2023 Spring Meet
Registration Form
Monday, March 13th – Sunday, March 19th
Work week is Monday, March 6th – Sunday, March 12th**

Pre-register by March 6th

Name as you want it to appear on your badge: _____

Additional family members (for badges): _____

Street: _____ City/St Zip _____

Cell number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

- All train crews **MUST** attend a safety and update briefing prior to operating on MLS track.
 Meet briefings are held Tuesday - Saturday, 8am and 1pm
- 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.
- All remote control locomotives must be inspected and certified by an MLS safety coordinator prior to being operated on MLS tracks.

ALL COUNTY RULES ARE IN EFFECT

RV's are permitted March 6th - March 19th - dry camping only - no water, no electric, no sewer.

No discharge of any water on the ground.

No ground level campfires.

ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED.

MLS has 1500 ft of 4 3/4" gauge track. Please check here if you will be bringing any 4 3/4" equipment.

There is a **Mini-Operations Switching Session**. Please check here if you will be participating.
 Switching: Tuesday, March 14th, and Wednesday, March 15th, between **9 am and 5 pm**.

NOTE: the Far Flung Branch is closed to open running during these times.

★ **Crews MUST attend an orientation meeting Tuesday, March 14th, or Wednesday, March 15th, at 8:30 am.**

Item	# of people		Cost		Total
Registration fee Non-refundable Administration fee			\$5.00	=	\$ 5.00
Each additional family member Non-refundable Administration fee		x	\$2.00	=	\$
Total enclosed with RSVP					\$

Complimentary continental breakfast served Tuesday through Saturday, March 25-29 from 7:30 am – 10 am

Please mail this form along with a check or money order payable to Maricopa Live Steamers to:

Maricopa Live Steamers
 22822 N. 43rd Ave
 Glendale, AZ 85310
 Attention Spring Meet Registration

Any questions contact:
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