

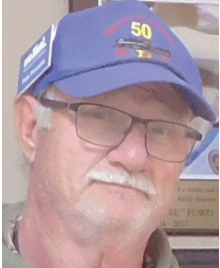
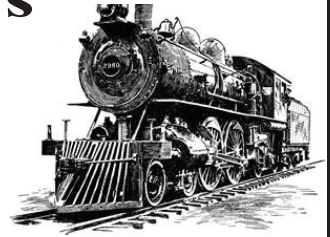


# Maricopa Live Steamers

## STACK TALK

April 2023

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



Hello Members!  
April 2023

Well, we now have another Spring Meet under our belt! I am pleased to let you know we have had many positive comments from out of town guests related to the Meet!

In looking ahead, we have the Summer coming up and quite a bit of work to do around the Club. It will take the Club Members to help get the work done. Hopefully, everyone will be able to commit to taking a roll in accomplishing our Goals.

I am looking forward to the Fall Meet! I know it is months ahead, but would like to find someone to commit to be the Fall Meet Coordinator. The Coordinator will help bring organization to the Meet.

Thinking ahead, Lets think Christmas Runs! I understand it is in far off future, but we want to get a start on plans for this special time of year. We will have options to talk about in future meetings.

On a more urgent note, please be aware that our slithering friends, they have made their presence be known around our Club. Please take all precautions related to the Snakes out there!! As well as the weather will start to get hotter so please stay hydrated.

I am interested in hearing your thoughts on all topics!

You are important to this Club!!

Be safe and I'll see you at the Train Club!!

Pete

*Photos from Spring Meet*

*Everyone had a good time!*



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**Information from the March 11th meeting**

1. Create a diagram of track in the yard to add to the new member book
2. More rail is available for bidding on.
3. Need volunteers to help cut down weeds.
4. Looking for someone to replace the deck at Canada.
5. Dave Kulman says please advise riders not to drag their feet - this is loosening ballast.
6. Co-coordinator for the Fall Meet is?

**Damage to the Harrington's Honky Tonk last summer not only blew off the door, but also the roofs on neighboring Loco Repair to the right.**



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I would like to acknowledge the great workmanship of Donna Holm in painting the front of my container. Her doing so, has brought a new business to Adobe City, Harrington's Honky Tonk, which stands right alongside a very, very old business, Tom's Tailor Made Women's Undergarments. Wanting to utilize Donna's talents for this sort of activity, she agreed to spruce up the new door I put on to replace the old one that blew off. She didn't want to be paid so we struck a deal. She would do it for a donation to the club. What you see here is her handiwork, from conception to reality. It is all her doing. She exceeded my expectations. Thanks, Donna.

Signed, Tom Harrington.





## Spring Meet Switching Session

From John Draftz

The Tuesday switching session saw limited use with several regular session attendees not able to be here this time. Wednesday had rain off and on most of the day thus no switching was done. Switching did resume on Thursday. Since the session is run with "dark territory," crews had to use their radios to coordinate their activities.

A special thanks to Scotty Brooks, Cliff Fought, Charlotte Hughes, Joe & Trish Kalisak, and Larry Messing who helped sort the cars for spotting on the branch and in the yard. The 58 cars were processed in about 40 minutes. Way to go team! The crews of Carl Whittaker & Charlotte, Joe & Trish, and Larry & I took the cuts of cars out onto the branch and spotted them appropriately. While cars were spotted on the branch, Paul Fillmore & Scotty assembled the cars in the yard into the correct 2-car cut order used by switch crews.

A final thank you goes to Larry Messing and Mike Morris for helping gather the cars and yellow paddles from the branch after the session and then organizing them into public run cuts.

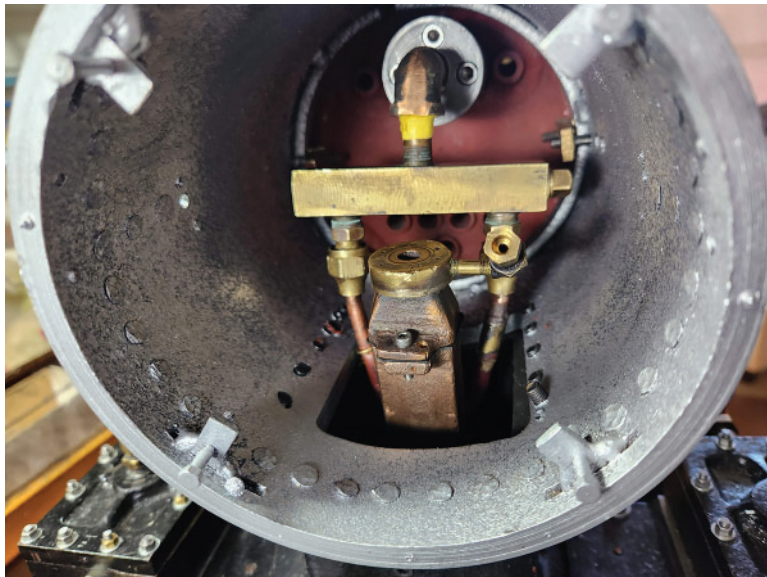
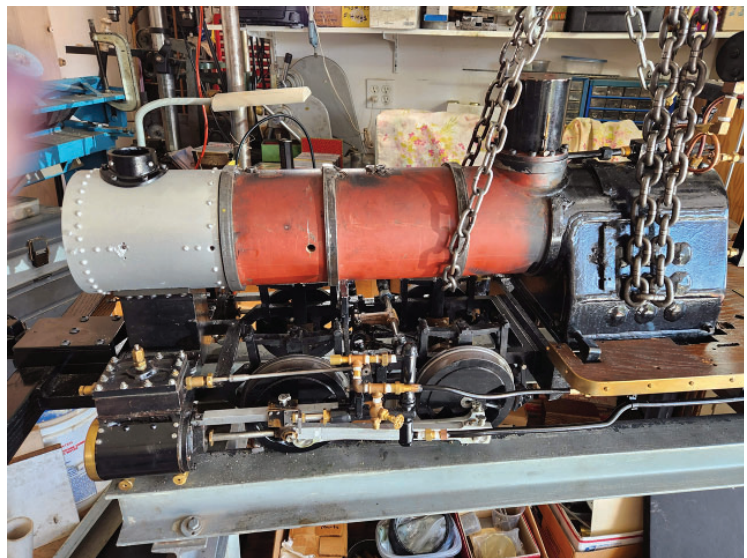
The session was given positive reviews by those participating and they look to do it again next time.

John Draftz

## Update on the Chloe

Burners, manifold and arch have been installed after boiler was lifted and fitted to frame. They can be easily installed from below firebox once boiler is mounted. This is possible due to the Chloe's unique frame design.

Burner control valve bracket has been machined out of aluminum and mounted to the back of the tender tank lip. It is in the center of the tender back to allow either right or left hand control for the firing valve.



There is no pilot light on this loco, as there are only eight burners. Steam lines and header have been connected in the smoke-box. Steam line sealing packing is the round circle at the top of the flue sheet. Steam line with elbow is shown going into header.

Fall Work Week is October 16th - 22th

Fall Meet is October 23th - 29th



## Spreading the word about MLS happens in many ways -

Thanks for extending kindness to some our visitors.

Dear Maricopa Live Steamers:

This past Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, four of us enjoyed the privilege of attending part of your Spring Meet. While not true "Railroaders" ourselves, two of us had direct connections from Miles City, Montana and from Northern Wisconsin.

I'm a 73 year old RC Model Airplane Nut ( probably "certifiable" ), but I am always very interested in anything "miniature and mechanical". There were so few visitors on Friday that it was very relaxing, almost like we had our own private amusement park.

We could not have felt more welcomed, and we enjoyed asking many, many questions and getting to see so many things "up close and personal". I'm not sure, but I believe it was "Perry" (?) on the four-wheeler who gave us a safety briefing and then invited us into the "holding pen" where we met Lou Banning from Pahrump,



NV and were invited aboard for a very relaxing and enjoyable ride.



When we returned to the station, there were no others waiting, so he asked if we wanted to go for a second ride on a different section of track – you bet we did, and we were very happy to "feed the kitty" upon our return. Obviously, some of the elaborate live steamers were especially interesting. All four of us have had a lifetime of working with our hands and can only begin to imagine the "hundreds of thousands of hours" that went into developing the complex, and the trains themselves... and those unique loading gantries are no slouches either. Please **extend our thanks** to all your crews for making it such a wonderful experience!

We will be back for sure! Thanks again, *Mark*

Mark (Goodyear, AZ),

Jim (Rhineland, WI)

Dan (Tecumseh, MI), and

Jeff (Miles City, MT).







I have a photo of Tommy Harrington Laying this track in 2017, but it didn't Look like this!

This is why you never want to drive over the track, because something like this will happen. A lot of work goes into laying track so if you must, don't be the chicken crossing the track. Find a road.

We have had some unwanted visitors a couple of times in the last few weeks, breaking into buildings, and emptying several fire extinguishers.... Make sure things are secured when you leave!!! And don't leave anything at the park you don't want to lose... appears to be kids on dirt bikes coming in from the northwest corner of the park.



**More reaching out for new members**

Bob R's little MLS table at the March 11th Tractor Meet got a lot of people coming by to find out what MLS is all about. He talked about the park and passed out all the MLS brochures he had. He was set up next to the silent auction so you couldn't miss him.

The next day he was helping with train rides and one man who promised he'd come brought three car loads of people for an afternoon of fun.

