

Remember. **NO FIRES UNTIL THE COUNTY LIFTS THE FIRE BAN**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PETE - More details in Hank's note, page 4.

Lots to look forward to as the weather cools down.

- Labor Day night rides September 3.
- Scottsdale Rail Fair, Sat, September 30 and Sun, October 1.
- Oct 1 or first weekend in Oct public rides start - we still need volunteers
- October Fall Meet: Work Week 10/16 - 10/21. The Meet is 10/23 - 10/29
- Track still needs lots of work. Check the white board.
- We need to get the park looking better: weeds, painting containers (some are really looking bad). Can you take a good look at your container and paint and do any repairs needed, plus get rid of any weeds between the containers.
- We'll start making concrete ties again soon.
- Please keep members in your prayers that have some medical issues. Joe S, Jim Z, and other members we may not know about.
- We'll be getting teams together to do track work. It is easier when there is someone experienced in a group, and more fun? - maybe. Contact Pete if you can help. 602-616-1027

Pete

After the Aug 12th meeting, the ice cream social was a big success. There was plenty of ice cream, toppings, and cookies to put a smile on everyone's face. Yum! Thanks Donna H, Jannet F, and Trish K for rounding up and arranging all the goodies, and serving the members. We appreciate you!



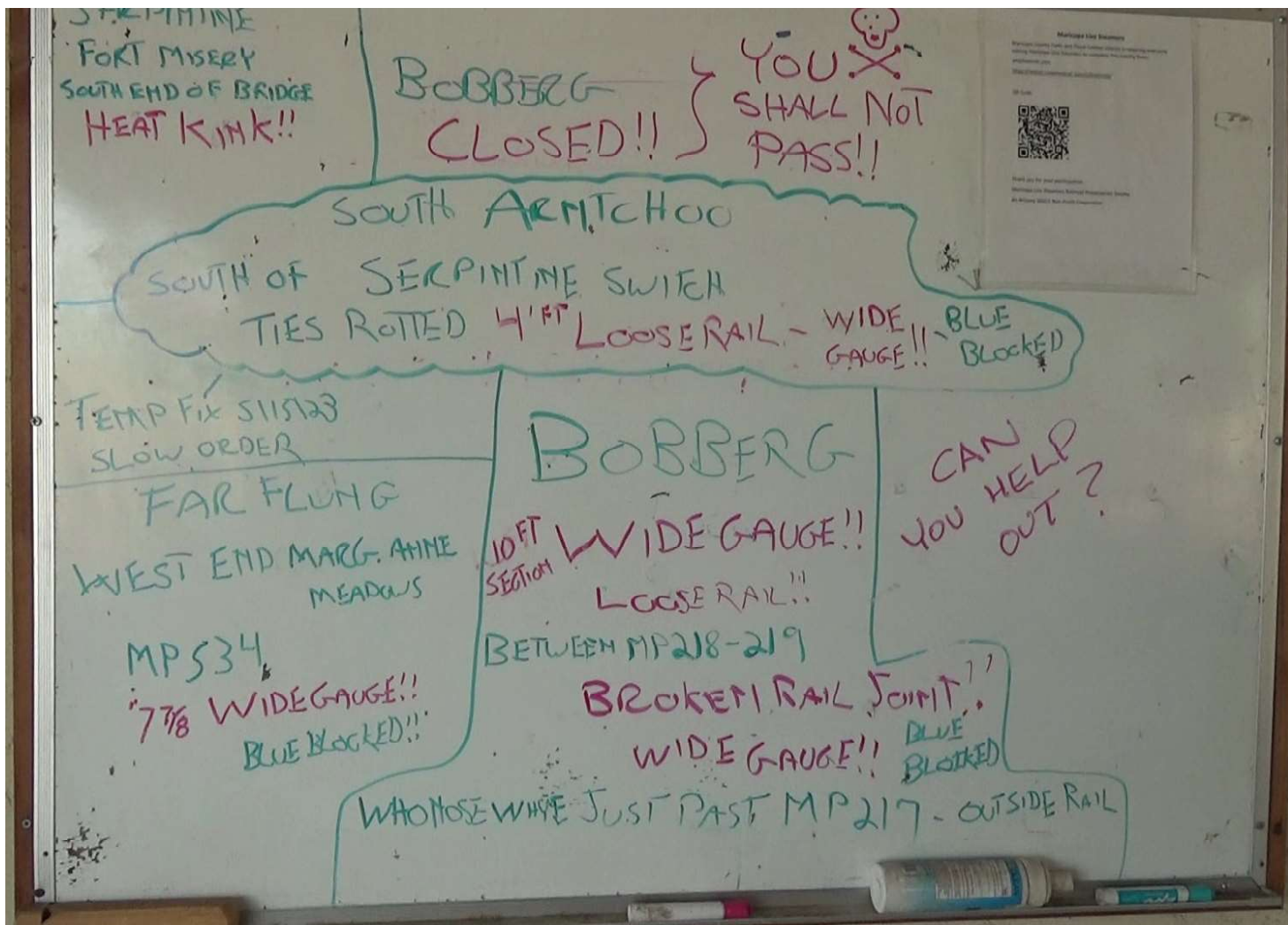
THANK YOU to those who do come out and work. We don't always see you to catch names, but notice when work gets done We appreciate you too! Take Photos everyone. Please, we need your photos for the newsletter. Send to Sandy at srauperstrauch@gmail.com

The Fall Meet is coming up. Even though there is NO charge for this event, you MUST register to attend and it is not too early to do so. A fun time has been planned for you, so don't miss out. Find the forms on the MLS web site. Also, your engineer's test must be current.

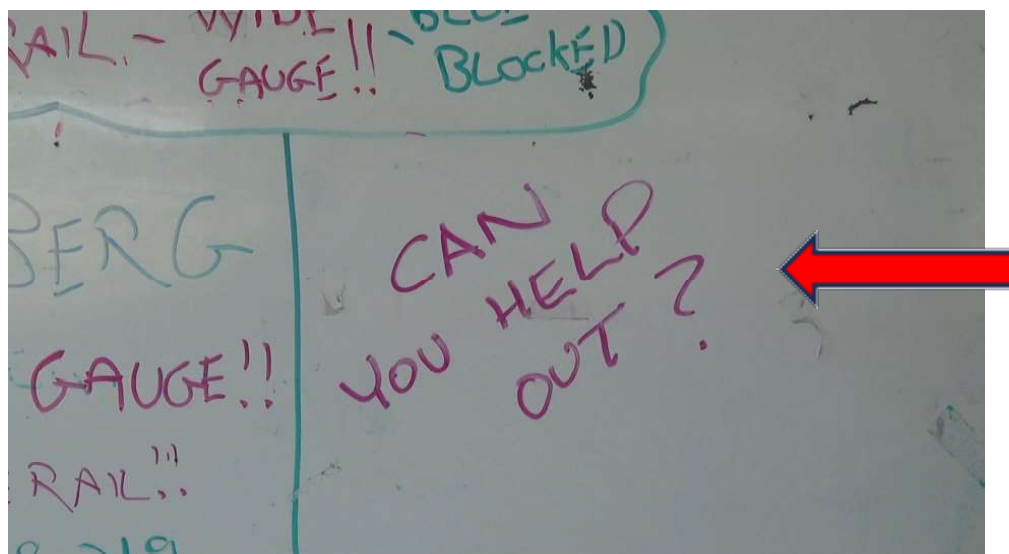
Next meeting is September 9th
Board meeting at 11:00
General meeting at noon.

Sizzling Summer MLS Update.

What a hot spell we've had here in Phoenix! We've had many days with temps above 110 F, and so the plants and trees are suffering along with us. The heat has also taken its toll on our trackwork. Note the whiteboard indication of closed routes.



Maintenance is not easy this time of year, but necessary if we are going to be ready for the Fall Meet.



Saturday is always a work day, so call someone or show up to help. They start early, so don't sleep in!

Please let us know if you can assist with some repairs.
Call Pete Pennarts or Perry McCully.

Thinking of the deep blue skies we've had as we plan to get back running trains. Watch for the blue here on the ground also. Note the main yard turn table has blue highlights on one end. When you match the blue end of the table to the east end of the pit (also marked in blue) you achieve the best track alignment. And who doesn't love a lack of derailments!



Blue blocks also indicate possible track problems, so slow down and proceed carefully.



And while you are looking down for trouble, you can't miss the ground squirrel construction projects that can completely cover the rails.



Time for another cold beverage, but one last reminder. Take a minute and make sure the transfer table is plugged in and recharging when you're done using it. The next engineer will thank you!

Stan Ferris

Updates from Hank Gallo

LABOR DAY: We have 250 guests signed up and three train crews (Pete/Larry, Joe/Janet F, Joe/Trish K and Craig as backup). Jr Engineers School will be on track 4 unless we have a steamer running, then it will be in the yard. Weather looks GREAT! Fluffy's food Truck and Kona Ice will be at the museum. Jerry G will be Station Master. Dakota/Jade will be guest check-in by the front gate.

RIDING CAR INSPECTIONS: September 9th from 8am until 11am. We need to inspect 4 cuts of cars minimum. We'll train you. Coupler, truck inspectors, cleaning, lube person. Hostler to bring the cars out, maybe we can bring track 6 riding cars into the steaming bays Friday. The car order sheet for track 5 & 6 is on the door inside the car barn.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS: meeting after the September 9th general meeting. If we want to do the Holiday Lights show, we'll need members and volunteers to start the show again, on a smaller scale and by invitation. Dates are the first 3 weekends in December from 6 till 9pm, same as AMRS. We'll need a work day in November to bring out all the Megatree lights and repair them and another on 11/18/23 at 9am to hang them on the tree. We'll set up the Megatree, train station and North Pole. Mike Russell will oversee Wilson bridge, but needs a team to help string lights. Our goal is to set out by area, all the lights we have so volunteers can visit anytime by having lights in bins in the proper area. LED light decorations always appreciated. PLEASE attend the light show meeting. Then we can publish a work list and date for Facebook volunteers.

NEW RING CAMERAS are up in the club house and in front of the club house. Steaming bay/loco shed camera will go up this weekend. Verizon internet has been very spotty, we'll work on that too. Members of the BoD are invited to access the cameras, other members by request to the BoD. Tim F will work on the club wifi to expand our reach with the cameras and will work on bringing up some of the older cameras.

PUBLIC RIDES: We start Sunday October 1 and we still need crews signed up. If each local member or family can sign up for one Sunday a month, we will have great coverage. As we spoke about at the meeting, if only one crew shows up on a any given Sunday, WE WILL CLOSE FOR THAT DAY. We can't open without at least 1 backup crew, Station Master and greeter. Gift shop is not required, but generates a good amount of income for the club. Even if you can sign up to help in the station it will be a huge help.

Please remember to close the gate if you are here on a non-public day, just to keep random vehicles from driving in.



TRAIN MAINTENANCE: Larry M, Paul H, Tom S, Shane M and Craig D were in the park for the last two Saturdays adding and re-arranging the lights on the riding cars. We have 3 cuts of 7 cars (track 4, 5 & 6) ready to light with a 12volt battery on each conductor car.

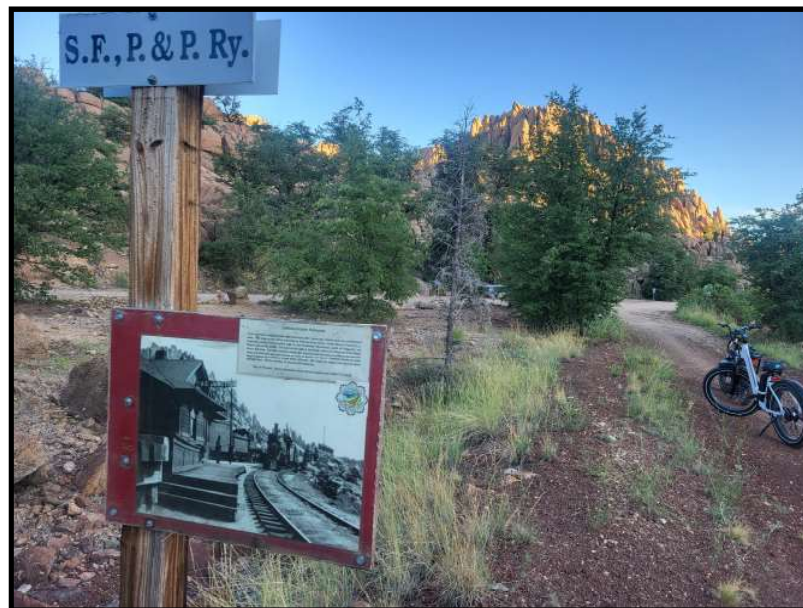
Thank you,
Hank Gallo

And don't forget to support our MLS volunteers at Rail Fair, held at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale, Sept 30 and Oct 1.

Some things you can do that are close to home, from Hank.



Photos: My family was treated to a behind the scenes tour at OdySea Aquarium. There are two guest floors there, but they really have three floors. The moving theater around the aquarium is unique and we got to see the behind the scenes of that. Member Tom F works there. Also Shelby got to meet the sloth in the Director's office, a private meet and greet with a Penguin and a private sea lion show. They use a ton of salt a day making salt water for the facility. They have a two person complete dive shop behind the scenes. They have many rehab animals there as well. The AZ Boardwalk has UFO Experience, Pangea dinosaurs, Riply's, Butterfly Wonderland and 3D Illusion plus Johnny Rockets Diner with a dairy/gluten free menu. You can buy combo tickets online for multiple attractions.



8/30/23 I was treated to a Ebike ride over the old S, F, P & P railway in Prescott. The photo has a 100 year old photo of a train station on that spot, with the mountains in the background. Dual track at that point. They are building homes around the path now, but three rail speeders are preserved along the right of way. I never knew about it, and it was a fun ride for all of us at 89 degrees at 4pm. See it soon or it will be just a small strip between neighborhoods. It was about 8 miles total over two intersecting routes. Prescott Ebike rides brought the bikes to the trailhead. The pedal assist system helps you pedal from none (0) to almost everything (5) from the handlebar. On the way back I was using 3 or 4.

Thank you,
Hank Gallo
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