

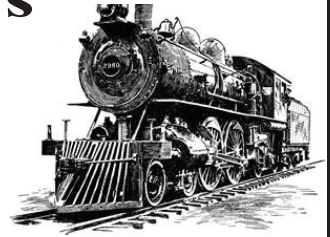


Maricopa Live Steamers

STACK TALK

November 1, 2023

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



Message from the President

We still need volunteers for Christmas run set up and track work.

Fall meet was a great success - everybody loved having dinner Friday night and breakfast, thanks to Betty and Stephane and Carlisle

Thank you to all that helped.

And Thanks, Dan Benton, for putting the meet together.

Pete

Attached is a ballot for the 2024 election of officers. Please fill out the ballot and mail it to be received prior to the November 11 meeting, or bring it to the meeting. Send to:

Joe Kalisak, MLS treasurer
22822 N 43rd Ave.
Phoenix, Az 85310

Mark "BALLOT" on your envelope

Notes from the Oct 14, 2023 General Meeting.

An issue was raised by John Draftz over a change in the by-laws that an officer may not hold a supervisor position. Discussion was tabled.

7 5/8" rail gauge was voted yes as a standard on the railroad.

Bill Cobb is willing to make, and has made, new track gauges to gauge the 7 5/8" track. He is willing to hold classes to show how to fix track and the use of rail joiners and gaps that will prevent heat kinks.

Christmas lights: the north pole, candy canes, the station and the mega tree to be decorated.
Need volunteers to help. More info coming.

Christmas runs are: Dec 1 & 2, 8 & 9, and 15 & 16. 6:00 - 8:00

We still need crews. Sign up sheets are on the white board in the club house.

Proposal to shorten Christmas run by connecting Race Watch with Seagraves.
12 panels needed.

Sahuaro Central has three speeders. Pete proposed buying one for Friendship Park. It was approved by the general membership.

\$1,000 was authorized to repair the new Case tractor.

All steaming bays have soft water.

Important Information You Might Not Know!

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pete Pennarts
President

John Draftz
Vice President

Mick Janzen
Secretary

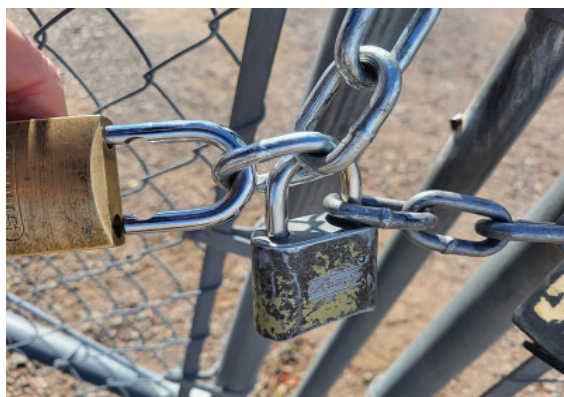
Joe Kalisak
Treasurer

MEMBERS AT LARGE

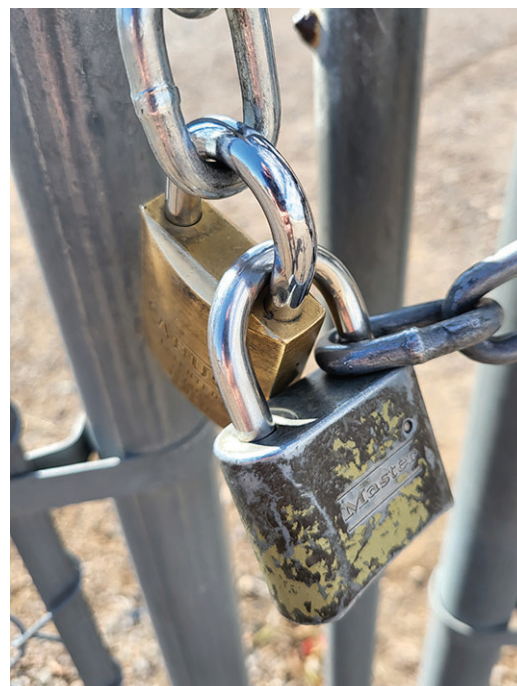
Charlotte Hughes

Dakota Clemens

Bill Cob



The **TOP PHOTO** shows the **INCORRECT** way of locking the front gate. Often, the front gate is found to be locked this way.



The **CORRECT WAY**, a daisy chain, is photo at the right. Locked in this way allows emergency services to enter the park with their key.

Department Superintendents

Dakota Clemens
Tower signal
superintendent

John Draftz
Safety

Hank Gallo
Operations
Superintendent/
Public runs/
Coordinator

Joe Fego
1" track

Tim Freeman
Co- Webmaster

Donna Hohm
Public greeter

Charlotte Hughes
Web Site Content

Trish Kalisak
Membership

Dave Kulman
Maintenance of Way

Terry Liesegang
Road Signal
Superintendent

Perry McCully
Birthday Party
Coordinator

Bill Pardee
Boiler Inspector

Pete Pennarts
Holiday Lights
Committee Chair

Sandy
Rauperstrauch
Stack Talk

Charlotte Hughes
Engineering Test &
Card Administrator
Web Master

MORE VOLUNTEERS TO THANK

In September, Pete donated a floor cleaner to the club. Joe Kalisak and Joe Fego spent a day using it on the clubhouse floor. It hadn't looked so good in a long time. Thank you Pete and both Joes for the hard work. It is very much appreciated.

A shout-out thanking the Boy Scouts who were out helping.

Update on the Chloe

Bob R. decided this engine needed burner shields to protect the wooden floor from burner flames. Those shields have been machined and installed, so the engine is once again ready to test.

And you thought your 7 1/2" was hard to lift!



The Hurlbut was repaired and is back at the park running on the 15" track at the Sahuaro Central Short Line Railroad, north of the MLS main park. This was a preview run on October 28th, testing the track, engine, and passenger car by giving rides to a few people from the Swap Meet. Mostly to advertise that the little green engine is here, and it's running! Still a few bugs to work out: trucks, track. and throttle! Always a work in progress! Thank you, Bob, Tim, Shane Stan, and Sandy.

Photos from the 2023 Fall Meet



On Wednesday, November 8th

Bob and Stan will take Rodney and track to the Red MT Library again because they were a big hit the first time. It is Train Day at the library and a room has been provided with enough room for all the track to ride on. There will be lots of people to hear about MLS

The Fall Candler Rail Fair at the Chanler Railroad Park (full sized equipment, engines. and rolling stock)

is November 11, from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

The Bob and Stan show will once again have a booth promoting MLS, but have moved up to a much better location. Stan will be giving kids rides on Rodney, generating some interest in riding trains at MLS

**Next meeting is November 11th
Board meeting at 11:00am
General meeting at noon.**

MARICOPA LIVE STEAMERS
2024 BOARD of DIRECTORS ELECTION

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| <u>PRESIDENT</u> | |
| Perry McCully | |
| Pete Pennarts | |
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| <u>VICE PRESIDENT</u> | |
| John Draftz | |
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| <u>SECRETARY</u> | |
| Mick Janzen | |
| Write In: | |
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| <u>TREASURER</u> | |
| Joe Kalisak | |
| Write In: | |
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| <u>MEMBER AT LARGE (CHOOSE 3)</u> | |
| Dan Benton | |
| Bob Clark | |
| Bill Cobb | |
| Tim Freeman | |
| Mike Grant | |
| Larry Messing | |
| Bob Rauperstrauch | |
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