

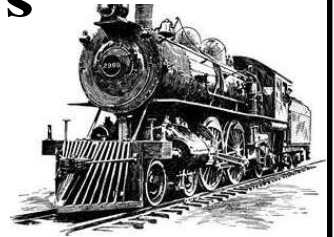


Maricopa Live Steamers

STACK TALK

December 1, 2023

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



Holiday lights, We're Open!

Open with reservations on facebook!

Friday night there were 200 guests and 100 more that came, some from AMRS. None were turned away because MLS used the smart waiver tablet at the gate. Charlotte put a link on the web site pointing to FB. On Thursday Bob, Bill P, and Perry were out at 10am to assist Hank with raising the Mega tree. It was not ready on Friday, but was working Saturday

Saturday night.

Bill Pardee's Prairie ran on Friday night, but derailed where track was not changed to 7 5/8". Sadly, he will not be running until track has been changed. Many other trains derailed there as well. AMRS will be open and advertising. John Broughman was Santa. Good to see Mick and Jim out on Mick's Chessie which was repaired.

Mustang club will be out on Dec 8 by 5:30 for our traditional steam train ride.

Pete's friends Gary & Donna will be out to assist on Friday and Saturday nights as they have in the past.

East Coaster food truck will not make it out this year.

Come out and help where ever, and whenever you can.

MLS is sustained by donations from Christmas and Sunday runs.



Sunday Train Rides
Due to popular demand, we'll be CLOSED
Sunday Dec 24th and Sunday Dec 31st.
Mark your calendar!

December 9th General Meeting at noon.



Christmas POT LUCK to follow.

**Bring your favorite entree' or dessert
to share. YUM?**



For Sale

Custom built GATX Tank car
by Leo Younglowe.

This is a one of a kind build.
It can be delivered to the MLS Spring
Meet in March 2024

Asking price \$ 2,400.00

If interested, please contact
Leo Younglowe. 425-903-6191

DON'T FORGET!
MLS Dues are due! Don't be late!

~ From Donna Hohm~

During the last few years of Bob's term as Treasurer, I was asked to assist by taking over some of his workload. I agreed to take over the membership as well as the Meet registrations. Bob never lost patience with me through all my questions, emails and errors. And because of that I learned a lot about the club as well as getting to know out of town members. He even voted for me as a write-in candidate in the Board of Directors Election for TREASURER!!! TWICE!!! He will be missed.



Promoting MLS in the Outreach Program

There were two events in November.

.One was at the Red Mountain Library in Mesa where Bob and Stan had a room set up with track, trains and their display. They could talk about the use of steam in trains. while kids could ride Stan's train, Rodney.

The next event was at the Chandler Rail Fair where track was set up between cars and kids could once again take a ride on Rodney while Bob talked about trains at MLS. The photo display on the table was helpful, showing MLS. Parents brought the kids back for more rides. It was a hit! Most people had never heard of the train park and were enthusiastic about coming out to see for themselves. It was a worthwhile experience and they'll go back in the spring.



Stan is watching over a little guy operating his train.

UPDATES TO RULES AND GUIDLINES

The following changes to the Maricopa Live Steamers Railroad Preservation Society Other Rules, Guidelines, and Schedules - Revised February 2023, were voted on and approved at the November 11, 2023 BOD and General Meeting.

MLS Other Rules, Guidelines & Schedules revised February 2023

Changes to December 2023

Under 350. Storage Requirements

356 Letter M verbiage will now become letter N
Letter M will now read as.

M. Each storage container owner must furnish a key or the combination to any lock affixed to their container to the treasurer to facilitate periodic inspections by The Maricopa County Parks Department and Maricopa County Flood Control inspectors .The MLS inspection committee will conduct inspections to ensure that all storage containers and cabinets comply with the rules outlined in section 356.

N. The intent of this rule is to be applied to all privately owned storage, containers or buildings along the railroad or on the end of any steaming bay.

Add 357

357 Procedure for non compliance of Rule M

A. The owner will be notified by email and telephone, by their information indicated on their current membership form, requesting a response within Ten days of notice.

B. Those members who do not respond by providing a key or combination within ten days will be mailed a certified return receipt letter requesting a response within Fifteen days of receipt.

C. In the event of no response, MLS will take further steps to contact a responsible party. During this time, MLS will remove the current lock and inspect the interior and correct any violations if needed. The container will then be secured with a lock provided by MLS. A notice will be affixed to the container informing the owner to contact any Executive BOD member to gain entry. Executive BOD member contact information will be included on the notice

Forceful removal of any MLS lock will result in permanent termination from MLS.

This procedure will also be used to address "Abandoned Property"



Next meeting is January 13th
Board meeting at 11:00
General meeting at noon.

Officers elected for 2024 are:

- Pete Pennarts - president
- John Draftz - Vice President
- Joe Kalisak - Treasurer
- Mick Janzen - Secretary

Members at Large:

- Dan Benton
- Bill Cobb
- Bob Rauperstrauch

The Mega Tree from past years.

It takes more volunteers to set up, repair and string all the LED strands. Not to mention Hank's countless hours of programming the light sequence. There were not enough people this year to make a full tree.



Kudos to all you who came out this year to string lights. And a big Thank You to Tim Freeman who stayed way past dark to string up the lights on an arch on Arn-choo, and also track side lights.

*Merry Christmas Everyone!
And a Happy & Safe
New Year!*

2024 Winterfest



Wednesday, January 17 – Sunday, January 21
 Work week is Monday, Jan. 8 – Tuesday, Jan. 16
Everyone must be pre-registered by January 1, 2024