



Please note:

The Fire ban for MLS has been issued by the County. No Fires of any kind including BBQs.

Saturday track work continues under John Morino. If you can come out on Saturday to help with track repair, please do so.

At the April 13th MLS meeting, a committee was formed to investigate tractor options. Members of the committee are: Bill Pardee, Perry McCully, Joe Kalisak, Tim Freeman and Bob Rauperstrauch. First meeting is scheduled for **May 11th, AFTER the MLS meeting and luncheon for Volunteers.**

Thank you to all who helped with the October - April MLS Train rides.

Train rides began in February for the 15" with 6 passenger capability, three crew members, Tim F, Shane M, and Gary G, with alternates Stan F and Bob R. It was only a soft launch.

Train rides for MLS and Sahuaro Central RR ended on April 28th. Last ride with the Hurlbut ended with a broken axle on the tender, so riders walked back to the platform. Bob Rauperstrauch made two new axles for that front truck and now has the rear truck axles to replace.

Work continues on the second trolley, hopefully finished by fall.

The second trolley frame has been expanded. Trolley seats and backs have been welded and are in place.



The repair and new axles for the Hurlbut tender will be another summer project.



Wheels, side frames, bolsters, axles and couplers have been made and are ready to assemble for the trolley.

Terry Liesegang has been instrumental getting the motor and frame ready for engine #1, a goose, maybe.

Scotty Brooks has also been working on wheels, couplers and axles for the new engine #1, and 3 gondolas

Gary Gorman has designed and assembled the outer shell for #1 locomotive.

Thank you Cliff Fought for making the three gondola riding cars.

AND, Thank you to Trish Parks and Myrna Brooks for painting the gondolas and painting the entire Pottsville shop building, as well as the signal tower. !