

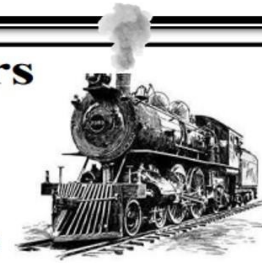


# Maricopa Live Steamers

## STACK TALK

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



### **TRACK PROGRESS**

As many know, Deadman's Trestle required some much-needed TLC. The entire tie structure for the bridge and approaches have been replaced with HDPE plastic ties. The passing siding at Perryview is also being replaced with new track panels and plastic ties. Going forward, we will continue to refine our track specifications and

procedures in response to any changing conditions and maintenance requirements.

Those involved with this work project include John Bergt, Craig Danielson, Joe Fego, Mike Grant, Trish & Joe Kalisak, Jim Keil, Larry Kirchner, Dave Kulman, Paul Lator, Woody Lewis, Terry Liesegang, John Marino, Pete & Becky Pennarts, and Ethan Pulver. Other track work was done by Tom Harrington, Bob Clark, and Philip Nilsson.

I would like to personally thank all members that continue to donate their time, effort, and money to make MLS a better place. No job is too small or insignificant. Be it Public Runs, track work, signal maintenance, cleaning switches, or emptying the trash, all these tasks are very important and greatly appreciated.

**Larry Kirchner**  
President, MLS

### **GETTING THE JOB DONE:**





### SAFETY AND SECURITY

Safety and Security is a priority for all our members and visiting guests, as it is our responsibility to maintain this safe & secure environment for everyone. A few topics to remember for everyone’s safety:

-- When operating the electric powered transfer tables, prior to moving, visually ensure that the power charging cord is unplugged. After moving, please set the hand brake to lock the wheels and return the direction lever to the neutral (vertical) position when not in use. Please plug in charging cord when finished using.

-- After using or moving the manual transfer table, please return it to the lead line and lower the transfer plate onto the lower lead line to lock the table from moving. This will keep the table from traveling during high winds that may cause it to forcibly hit the electric transfer table. We will be making signs that will be attached to the table.

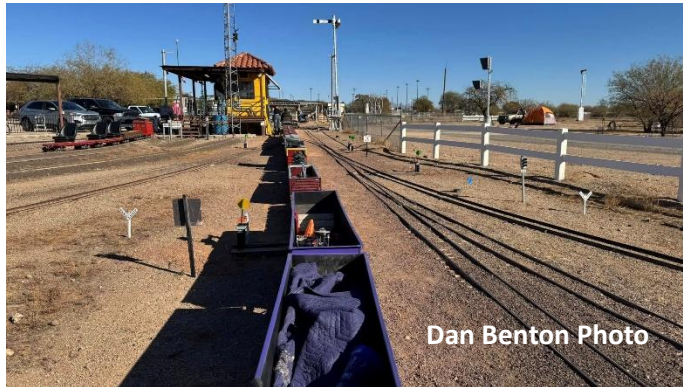


-- When operating manual track switches, please do not step on the rod that moves the direction of the switch to lift the control arm. This can damage the rod and cause the switch to go out of adjustment. Ensure that the control arm is flush with the ground after selecting the direction to avoid a trip hazard.

-- In reference to security, please secure any personal property before leaving the club. When unlocking a club owned storage container or work shed, it is your responsibility to ensure that it is locked and secured. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and benefits us all.

**Joe Kalisak**

**Vice President, MLS**



## WINTER FUN RUN!

If you made it out to the Adobe Western for the week, you needed your jacket in the mornings, and sunglasses in the afternoons. Exciting Arizona desert weather.

Plenty of locomotives in the steaming bay, and lots of action out in the open subdivisions. Special thanks to Pete and Becky Pennarts for cooking our lunches during the Fun Run and Donna Hohm for serving the food.



## WELCOME ABOARD

We would like to welcome Myrna Brooks as the **MLS Gift Shop Superintendent**. She has been extremely active in supporting many of the events and activities at the railroad park for all track gauges.

*Thanks for all you do for us, Myrna!*

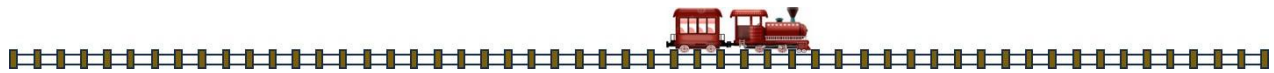


## FIRE SAFETY



With the horrific California fires on everyone's mind this year, we must remember that fire prevention and safety is very important for us here in the Arizona desert as well. Although the specific county fire ban restrictions may not be posted at the time we are running our trains, it is still very important to take every precaution to avoid starting a wildfire at the railroad park. Dry weed fuel is everywhere, and we have suffered damage in the past from fires at our park. When dry camping in the designated areas, please refrain from open wood campfires. Small contained BBQ pit fires are allowed if there is no brush nearby, and you have fire suppression gear on hand.

When doing trackwork or chores and repairs on equipment, remember that fires can be started by more sources than open flame. Sparks and hot bits can come from grinders, welders, and other equipment. Please also be careful parking your vehicles. The hot exhaust system under trucks and cars with cat converters can ignite dry brush.



## GET TO KNOW YOUR CLUB MEMBERS



Woody Lewis giving MLS Public Run rides!



“Hello. My name is Woody Lewis. My wife, Pam, and I are from Colorado Springs. Every January we come to Phoenix as snowbirds to do some railroading at the MLS and to visit our daughter and her family. I got into 7½ inch gauge railroading in 1980. Over the years I have built an Allen Mogul, a 3¾” scale Sweet Creek, a D&RGW #50 diesel, and

several cars. I also built a 7½” gauge railroad with a 6,000 ft mainline in the mountains west of Colorado Springs. My website has lots of photos of my railroad.

[www.dspprr.com](http://www.dspprr.com)

We love the Phoenix January weather and enjoy running trains at the Maricopa Live Steamers.”



That’s all the news from the Maricopa Live Steamers. If you see me out at the park with my train or a shovel, don’t be shy. Let me get a picture or two and hear the fun details of your railroading journey!

Don’t forget the monthly meeting, 12 noon, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.



***Thank you for all your MLS support!***

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