

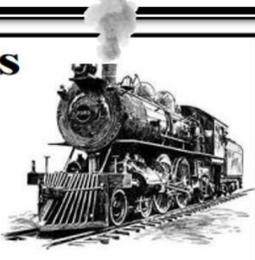
Maricopa Live Steamers
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STACK TALK

August 2025

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



I hope all of you are having a great summer with vacations and relaxing being the priority. As we get closer to reopening in the fall, please remember to take your engineer test so you won't have any delays in running your trains. It's always important that we operate in a safe manner for ourselves and the public. During our general meeting on August 9, Our Park Host, Robert McGuire, will speak to us on important issues and recent incidents within the County Park.

Local Cub Scout Leader, Mike Morgan, will be interested in ways the Cub Scouts can become involved in MLS. After the meeting, Donna will be hosting her amazing spectacular ice cream social. I also want to send a 'Thank You' to everyone who works tirelessly to make MLS a better place for all of us to enjoy our hobby. Without you, none of this would be possible.



Larry Kirchner
President, MLS





KEEPING OUR PARK SAFE

On July 8th, Sahuaro Central discovered that a set of Oxy-Acetylene torches were missing from the 15-inch train workshop. They were later

recovered by the water storage tanks west of the Park Hosts location. Please be vigilant during the evening hours. If you arrive and the gate is open, please close it after entering. Lock it when you leave. This will help deter non-authorized persons from entering. Safety and security are everyone's responsibility!



Photo by Terry Liesegang

Joe Kalisak
Vice President, MLS



DIGITAL TRACK MANUAL

In order to help with consistent track maintenance, installation, and fabrication, we will be producing a manual in digital format to convey the techniques and procedures necessary for our track infrastructure. I have started compiling much of the information required. It is critical to make sure that it is easy to read and understand for both the novice and seasoned among us.



*See you out on
the railroad!*



FEELING LOST IN THE CROWD?

Get your MLS name badge before the MLS Fall Meet!

Per Hank Gallo:

Use PayPal to pay the fee as listed on the membership form (\$10/badge). Save a copy of the receipt to email tresurer@maricopalivesteamers.com

Include in the email:

PayPal receipt for \$10 times the number of badges ordered.

Include your phone number in the email.

list each name as it should appear.

Choose: magnet, pin, clip for each badge.

Badges typically can take 2 to 4 weeks for delivery to the club house.



2025 MLS Annual Membership Form
 Please complete and sign this application and mail it to:
 Maricopa Live Steamers
 Attn: MLS Treasurer
 22822 N. 43rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85310
 Contact: Dave Pulver, tresurer@maricopalivesteamers.com



2025 dues must be paid between October 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024

Anyone with personal equipment stored on MLS property is required to pay Resident Membership dues.

Registration may be completed by downloading this form from the MLS website and mailing or delivering it with a check to the above address. If payment is made through PayPal, mail or deliver your signed form along with a copy of your PayPal receipt. Please consider a donation to defray the club expenses for this convenience.

Renewal: Has your information changed from last year? YES

New Membership [Be certain to complete the [liability waiver](#) required by Maricopa County Parks]
* (Junior member: age 13-17. Under 13 included under primary member)

Name: Primary Member _____	\$180
Name: Spouse/Partner _____	\$ 40
Name(s): Junior Member* _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Per child <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 35
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
Email _____ Phone _____ Call: <input type="checkbox"/> Home: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-Resident Membership (more than 75 miles from the Adobe Western track)	
Name: Primary Member _____	\$ 50
Name: Spouse/Partner _____	\$ 25
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
Email _____ Phone _____ Call: <input type="checkbox"/> Home: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Stand-alone Junior Membership must have a sponsor that is a Resident Member Age 13-17	
Name of Junior Member _____	\$ 25
Name of Sponsor _____	
Track Rental Fee Enter Amt: _____	
Other Fees:	
Club Locomotive Use Fee (First Year Only) _____	\$150
Annual Locomotive or Rolling Stock Use Fee _____	\$ 50
Refundable Key Deposit for All New Keys Issued _____	\$ 20
Name Badges (see reverse) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> x _____	\$ 30
MLS is in the process of upgrading track and switches to steel rail and plastic and concrete ties. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to:	
Track Maintenance Fund _____	
General Fund _____	
Send your check to the address above, pay in cash directly to the club treasurer, or	
 PAY ONLINE or thru your PayPal account to "Donations@maricopalivesteamers.com"	TOTAL PAYMENT _____
If payment is made online, please provide the receipt with your returned form.	
I hereby certify by my signature below that I have read and agree to comply with the " Maricopa Live Steamers By-Laws ", " MLS Safety and Operating Rules ", and MLS " Other Rules, Guidelines, and Schedules " *	
SIGNATURE REQUIRED _____	
* All documents may be found on our website under "Forms & Documents > Maricopa Live Steamers Documents"	



DSP&PRR FALL MEET *Hello All You Gandy Dancers!*



The DSP&PRR Fall meet will be on September 26, 27 and 28, 2025. It should be a great weekend running in the cool mountain air with the quaking Aspen trees and beautiful views of the majestic Colorado mountains. We now have over 6,000 feet of mainline track with wyes at the top and bottom and three passing sidings so that we have bi-directional operation. There is an electric unloading table, seven 20 ft steaming bays and four yard tracks each 60 ft long. It is a fun and scenic railroad to run on and its topography is similar to that of the Air Force Academy with rolling hills, ponderosa pines and magnificent mountain views. The Argentine Siding is completed and the track has been laid all the way out to and around the Little Mountain loop adding 1,560 ft to the railroad mainline. Currently this year we have built Bridge 1 and 3 and Bridge 2 is now carrying trains, and are laying new track to add an additional 1,500 ft of track to the railroad. Please see the website for plenty of photos and more info --> www.dspprr.com

If you are bringing a steam locomotive please let me know so I can have water and compressed air for you. Due to the extreme forest fire conditions only propane steamers can run. Of course, diesels, gas, and battery locos are welcome. There is plenty of room for RVs and camping. So come and stay the weekend. If you are bringing an engine please let me know so I can reserve a parking spot for you.

Also, you are invited to the Potluck Dinner at Debi and Martin Hrabe's home. The dinner will be the Saturday night of the meet. The food will be great and it will be fun to hobnob with all the other railroaders over dinner in their beautiful new home. More details will be sent out as the meet grows closer.

For directions please contact me at 303-847-8980, or email at mogul@dsprr.com . Be sure to bring your family radio for train dispatching, food and drink and a light jacket. There are four nice motels in Fairplay, CO about a half hour drive from the track. Below is their info:

Riverside Inn Hotel – 719-836-0600

Western Inn Motel & RV Park – 719-836-2026

Como Hotel – 720-386-1700 – This is the original RR hotel in Como right by the DSP&PRR station

Hand Hotel Bed & Breakfast – 719-836-3595

Please note: This invitation is only for the recipients of this invitation. If you wish to invite other people or you know other people that would like to be invited, please contact me directly and do not extend any invitations. The reasons for this are liability, theft and vandalism.

mogul@dsprr.com



Woody Lewis - MLS Member
Colorado Springs, CO
303-847-8980

TEST YOUR ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE:

A hand, a flag, or a light held horizontally with short up and down motions means?*

- A. Stop
- B. Proceed
- C. Back-up
- D. Reduce speed



Well, Larry said I could relax this summer, so...



Don't forget our next general meeting on
 Saturday, August 9th at 12:00 noon.
See you there!



Thank you for all your MLS support!

Send comments and suggestions to: stanfm@aol.com

Visit our website Maricopa Live Steamers and our Facebook page MLS Public Rides to stay informed!

*(D. Reduce Speed)