



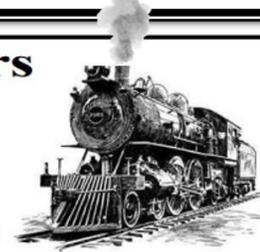
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STACK TALK

September 2025

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





I hope everyone had a great summer!

Now that fall is fast approaching, we will be getting back to work on the track. In order to run your train at MLS, you must have a current engineer's card.

So please go to the MLS website and take the test if you haven't already done so.





Engineer Test

Instructions
Pick the best answer to the question based on the information available to all members in the Safety & Operating Rules for the Maricopa Live Steamers Railroad Heritage Preservation Society. REVISED November 2024

[The Safety and Operating Rules can be found here.](#)

1. Who is ultimately responsible for the safe operation of the train? (210.4) *

- A. The Engineer.
- B. The Safety Committee.
- C. The Stationmaster.
- D. The Conductor.

2. The double signal on the right: (354) *

- A. Top board is for mainline and bottom board is for diverging route.
- B. is upside down.


Image: Question 2


Any color

Once again, **A BIG THANK YOU** to all those who tirelessly donate their time and money to make MLS a better place.

Larry Kirchner
President, MLS





COUNTY CLUB INSPECTION SOON

Autumn is right around the corner and so is the Annual Club inspection by the County Parks and Flood Control. The exact date is unknown. Please check your Storage Containers and Doghouses to ensure that all gasoline, batteries and oil are properly stored at a minimum of 4 feet off the floor and there are no spills inside or outside of your unit. Check the surrounding area and clean up any trash and debris if noted. Superintendents, please check your areas to ensure that your work space is in compliance, if applicable.



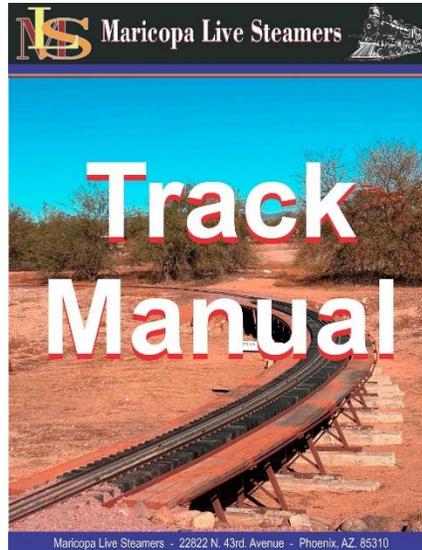
Let's strive for a No Violation Inspection!

On another subject, during the last week of August, the combination lock on our main gate went missing. Mike Grant has replaced the lock and the combination has been left unchanged. If you unlock the gate, please secure the lock to the chain and lock it. This will prevent the lock from being removed. Whoever is last to leave, please lock the gate behind you. We will be addressing this issue with Sahuaro Central and AMRS asking that they do the same.

Joe Kalisak
Vice President, MLS



I am making good progress on the MLS Track Manual:



I will be displaying a proof at the next meeting in September. This manual will help guarantee that our track is being fabricated to a consistent standard throughout the entire railroad. Consistency makes for faster diagnosis of problems and makes inspections quicker and more efficient since everything is made to a common standard.

I have also ordered 10,500 Accuties and will be donating them to MLS.

These will be used for yard tracks, sidings and spurs and other lower use areas. I will be preparing drawings to outline the tie spacing and screw placement.





We will continue to use the newer $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ ballast and plastic underlayment. The rebuilt siding at Perryview was done to the new standard and went through the summer sun and heat without any issues. The main cause of track buckling and kinks has always been rail expansion. It is very important that we maintain uniform expansion joint intervals to help alleviate this problem.



From Treasurer, Dave Pulver:

I hope everyone had a great summer and found ways to stay cool! I'm looking forward to the weather cooling off and welcoming the public back to our park. We have several improvement projects currently underway and more on the horizon. To keep our park running and thriving, your support is more important than ever. We're grateful to all who already contribute.

If you're able to volunteer your time or would like to make a financial contribution, please consider getting involved. Every bit of support makes a difference. As a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all donations are tax-deductible.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how you can help, please don't hesitate to reach out.



TEST YOUR ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE:

36. The maximum speed when operating public trains is: (532) *

- A. Determined by the engineer.
- B. 5 miles per hour.
- C. Determined by the Stationmaster.
- D. None of the above.

2025 FALL MEET

The fall meet this year is going to be a bit different than previous years. We will be having a 2-week work meet from October 20 thru November 1. During this period we will be working in groups to address the many areas throughout the railroad that need new and rebuilt track.



Dan Benton will be in charge of signing up for the meet. This form will be available the day after the meeting on September 13.

You will be able to run your trains during this time, however there will be sections that may be out of service.

For those on work crews, lunch will be provided via a ticket that will be given to you, or available for purchase.

You will be able to bring your RV during the work weeks. Remember, there are no hook ups for electrical, water or sewage.

Your help and assistance are greatly appreciated and needed.



FOR SALE: 1 1/2" scale Mogul chassis w/drive wheels \$90. Contact John Draftz, 602-942-3457 jzdraftz@cox.net.



Sandy Rauperstrauch will be selling train quilts at the Oct 15th AMRS swap meet. All proceeds will be donated to the restoration of the American 15" locomotive. Sandy will deduct the entrance fee from one quilt purchase.



MLS would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of long-time member Dewey Mills. Dewey passed away peacefully at 3:00 am on the morning of August 25, 2025.

Dewey spent many years working tirelessly to make MLS a better place. His efforts throughout the years never went unnoticed and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for the time he gave us.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 13th, 2025 Holiday Lights meeting after the general meeting. Plan decorations, crews, and dates. Inform Scouts what days so we can have assistance.

8am September 22, 2025 MLS riding car inspections 6-8 folks, no experience required. Check for loose bolts, and visual defects, grease axels, log notes for each car. Hostlers to move cars in and out of the steaming bays. Meet at the East Steaming bays.

11am Sunday October 5th First public MLS ride day. Adobe Station.

8am November 22, 2025 Install light strips on the megatree, assist in hoisting it up and guiding the LEDs so they don't snag. The more people the better. Meet at the megatree.

6pm till 8pm Holiday Lights run nights December 4, 5, 12, 13, 19 & 20. As many folks as we can get to crew the trains, staff the station, information, parking lot accept cash and card donations, gift shop, sell light up necklaces.

Thank you
 Hank Gallo
 602.300.3396 cell



TRACK PANEL PARTY

Please email Pete Pennarts if you can help with the build of 50 track panels this coming Saturday, September 6, from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon. penn620@cox.net



Thank you for all your MLS support!

Send photos and suggestions to: stanfm@aol.com

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

*(B. 5 miles per hour)