

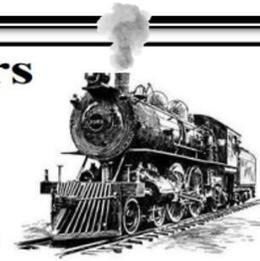


**Maricopa Live Steamers**

**STACK TALK**

**November 2025**

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



## **Fall Work Weeks Success!**

The fall work weeks have been very productive. The weeks of preparation building track panels, removing old track, re-grading the existing right of way and the final installation is paying off big time. I want to personally thank everyone that has helped make all this possible.

The installation of the new track has been going very smoothly. Careful attention is being paid to joint fabrication and alignment.

Let the following pictures speak for the hard work we have all done. This is what team work looks like.

We have a lot more work to do, and with focus and dedication, we will rebuild our track and be very proud of the final product.

We have installed new track from Wesley crossing to the crossovers on Arntchoo.

We have also installed a new curve right prior to Fisher. We also rebuilt the switch with plastic ties.

Once again,

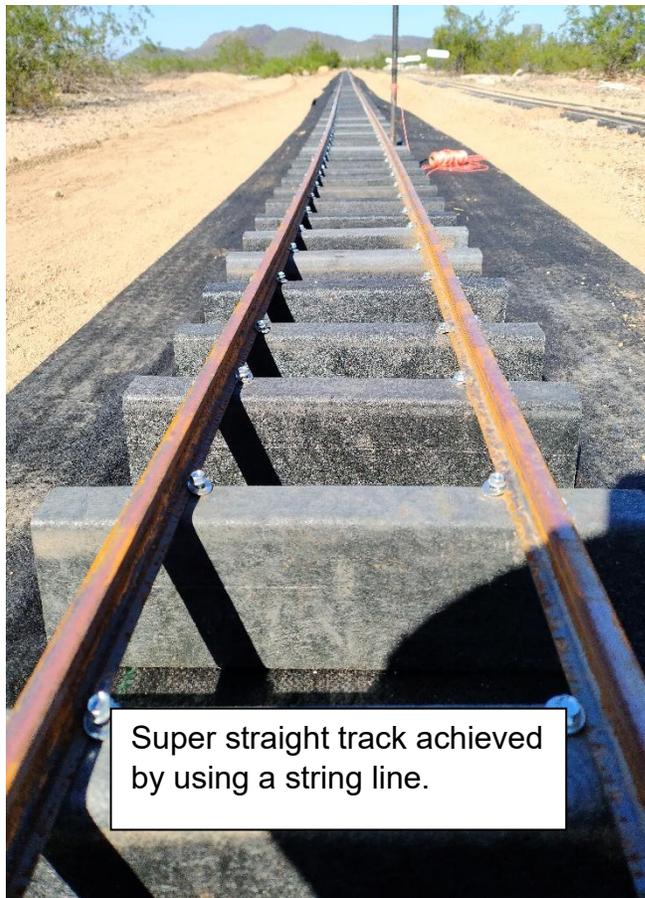
A job well done to everyone who participated, and we will only get better as we go forward.

**Larry Kirchner**  
**President, MLS**









**Many thanks to Larry Kirchner and Dan Benton for great photos of the trackwork action!**

Out at the 'Sawmill' where track panels are built:

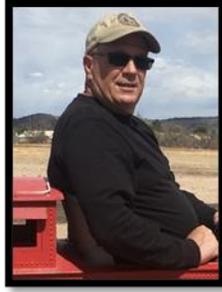


Two updated jigs for accurate track panel assembly:



Trees by the main steaming bay have been professionally trimmed:





### Scary Fun!

Thank you to everyone who participated in making the first Halloween run event a success. And a Big Thank You to the Arnt Family for providing their home decorations, and for spending numerous hours decorating to make this event possible.



I would also like to thank Nate Vincent for volunteering to clean up the coal that was left on the ground in the west steaming bays.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving 🦃

**Joe Kalisak**  
**Vice President, MLS**





Hank and I would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped make our first Halloween Rides a success. We want to give a special shout-out to the Arntz family for using their home decorations and dedicating countless hours setting them up. This event wouldn't have been possible without their creativity and effort.

Our Holiday Lights Public Rides will take place every Friday and Saturday night throughout all four weekends in December. We are still looking for volunteers to help with train crews, check-in and donation desk, and the gift shop. On November 8, after the election, Hank will be hosting a Pixel Pushing party to install 16,000 new lights into the strips for the Mega Tree. On November 22 at 9 a.m., we will be assembling the Mega Tree. We will also need help hanging holiday decorations and lights around the grounds. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Hank at: [ops.super@maricopalivesteamers.com](mailto:ops.super@maricopalivesteamers.com) or 602-300-3396.

2026 Membership Dues are now due. As a reminder, dues are payable by October 1 for each succeeding year and must be received no later than December 31. Payments can be made online by credit card via PayPal, check, or cash. Additionally, please complete and submit a current Annual Membership form. If you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to contact me by email at [treasurer@maricopalivesteamers.com](mailto:treasurer@maricopalivesteamers.com) or on my mobile at 602-321-9702.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Dave Pulver**  
Treasurer, MLS



October 25, 2025



MLS members Dakota Clemens' and Dan Benton's custom-made locomotives are featured this week on Train Mountain's YouTube channel. [They built a PAIR of 1/8 scale operational locomotives.](#)  
Check it out!



### MARICOPA LIVE STEAMERS' 2026 ELECTION

Be sure to submit your vote for the MLS 2026 BOD. Ballots are available on the MLS Website, in the clubhouse, as well as in this November Stack Talk. The election will be held at the general membership meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your participation.

Signature and printed name are required to determine each voter's eligibility. Names will be removed before votes are counted. There is a secure ballot box in the clubhouse.

Sincerely,  
Election Committee:

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**MARICOPA LIVE STEAMERS  
2026 BOARD of DIRECTORS ELECTION  
BALLOT**

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**TEST YOUR ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE:**

**46. When carrying the public, riding cars must: (620) \***

- A. Have seating installed so as to facilitate safety.
- B. Have trucks that provide safe, stable operation.
- C. Have bolsters that provide 3 or 4-point suspension.
- D. All of the above.



We are deeply saddened to hear that long-time MLS member, John Draftz, has passed away. We will provide further details as we receive them.

John will be greatly missed, and we express our condolences to the family.



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

Send photos and suggestions to: [stanfm@aol.com](mailto:stanfm@aol.com)

Visit our website [Maricopa Live Steamers](http://Maricopa Live Steamers) and our Facebook page [MLS Public Rides](https://www.facebook.com/MLS Public Rides) to stay informed!

*\*(D. All of the above.)*