

## Much Accomplished in 2025!

After many years of business ownership, I have finally made it to retirement. As many know, it took longer than expected to complete my business sale, but that is all behind me. I am permanently here from now on, so now I have even more time to assist MLS with all the work, guidance and vision to make our club a much

better place.

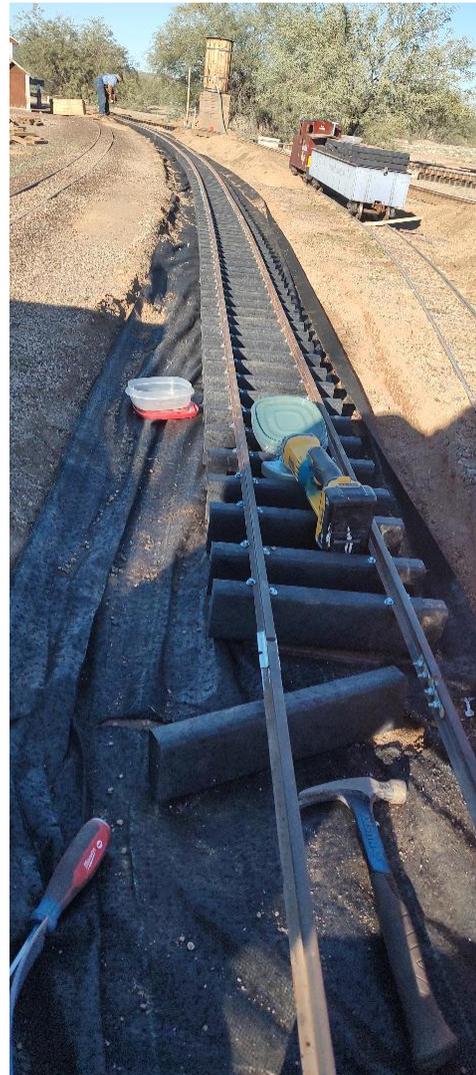
I want to thank everyone who came to help with the mega tree installation. It was a great day of fun and comradery. We all look forward to seeing this work of art in action.



New track fabrication and installation is continuing at a good pace.



Over the last few days, the crossing at Joshua Junction has been rebuilt and new track panels have been installed. This work will continue to Dirt Water. The connection between Bobberg and Far Flung will also be rebuilt.





Our Christmas runs start this Friday, December 5, 2025. We will have both steam and diesel this year for each Christmas run day. Please come out and help with this fun event if you can make it. Contact Hank Gallo if you would like to assist.



As this year comes to a close, let's give thanks to all that we have accomplished in such a short period of time. There will be many exciting events and changes coming to MLS in the upcoming year.

One more thing,

***HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.***

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





Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you,  
**Joe Kalisak**  
**Vice President, MLS**



Hank and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who helped install all 16,000 pixels and assemble the Mega Tree. Special thanks go out to our Volunteer Members, Scout Troop 524, Scout Pack 513, and the Light Up Arizona hobbyist lighting group for helping us get the tree raised just in time before the rain arrived. Craig from Light Up Arizona also brought some newly donated props for us to add to our holiday display. If you were

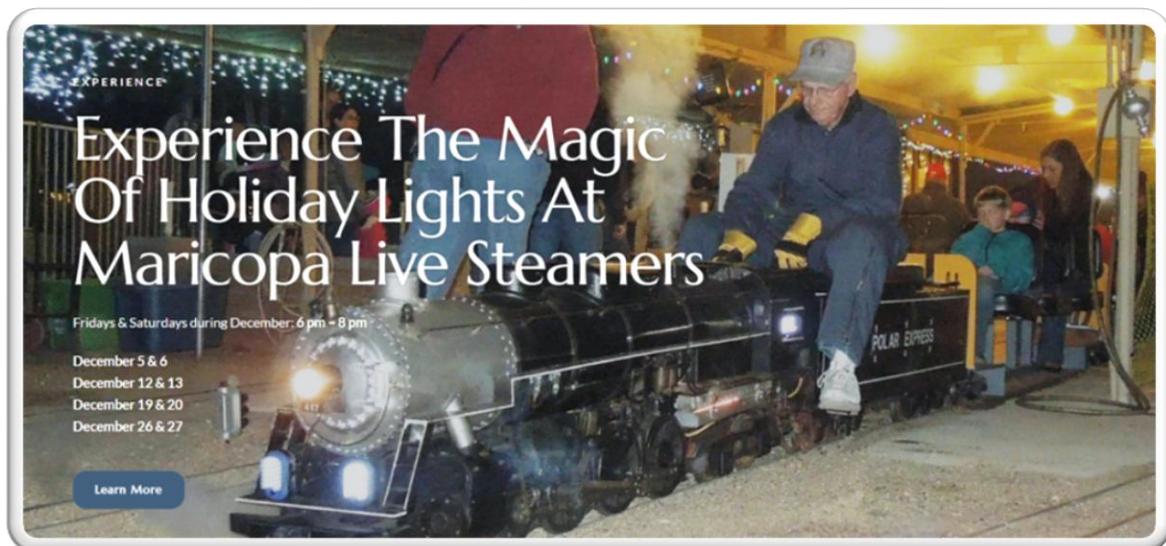


impressed by the Mega Tree at 8,000 LEDs, just wait until you see it now upgraded with 16,000 “gumdrop” LEDs!

Our Holiday Lights Train Rides begin this Friday, December 5th, at 6:00 PM, and we are still in need of some urgent assistance, including setting up the North Pole and the Tunnel of Lights. We are also seeking additional volunteers for train crews, the gift shop, and the check-in and donation desk. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Hank at [ops.super@maricopalivesteamers.com](mailto:ops.super@maricopalivesteamers.com) or by phone at 602-300-3396.

A friendly reminder that 2026 Membership Dues are due by December 31, 2025. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me by email at [treasurer@maricopalivesteamers.com](mailto:treasurer@maricopalivesteamers.com) or by phone at 602-321-9702.

Our new website launched this month. If you haven't had a chance to explore it yet, please check it out at <https://www.maricopalivesteamers.com>.



Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season!

**Dave Pulver**  
**Treasurer, MLS**



MLS Christmas Potluck Luncheon will be held Saturday, December 13, following the monthly membership meeting.

Everyone is welcome! Bring your favorite dish. Enjoy good food and fellowship!



## 2026 MLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Vice President:** Pete Pennarts

**Treasurer:** Dave Pulver

**Secretary:** Mick Janzen

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who served on the board during 2025, as well as those who were willing to serve for 2026.

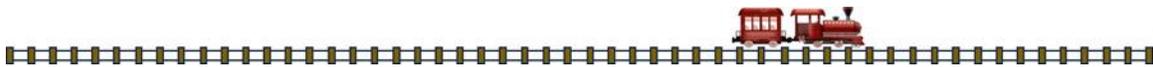
I also extend my sincere thanks to our Election Committee, Donna Hohm and Terry Liesegang for their professionalism and dedication throughout the process.

Larry Kirchner  
President, MLS

**TEST YOUR ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE:**

4. Arms fully extended and swung violently down from above shoulder height perpendicular to the tracks means: (314) \*

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



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS and VOLUNTEER for the 2025 MLS HOLIDAY TRAIN RIDES!



**Help us make this year's Holiday Lights Train Rides Magical!**



**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!

\*(A. Washout/Emergency Stop.)