

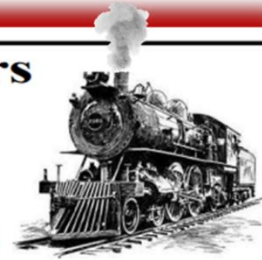


Maricopa Live Steamers

STACK TALK

March 2026

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



Great Progress!

As we continue with the vast amount of track work, I want to thank everyone who comes out to help with the numerous tasks that need to be done. Without all your help, we would not be making as much progress. Last Saturday, I conducted a class on how to replace a spur. It went very smoothly and the Conoco spur was completed before lunch. Thanks to everyone who participated.



As a result of the tremendous efforts, we need more materials, and those materials cost money. At the last meeting, the membership voted to purchase more steel rail and plastic HDPE tie material.

So, for every dollar that our members donate to the track fund, I will match the same amount up to \$25,000.00. This offer will be available until April 1, 2026.

Please help replenish the track fund so we can continue with replacement.

So, let's take a look at the work that has been accomplished.

Larry Kirchner

President, MLS

The following pictures are from Larry Messing and Larry Kirchner:

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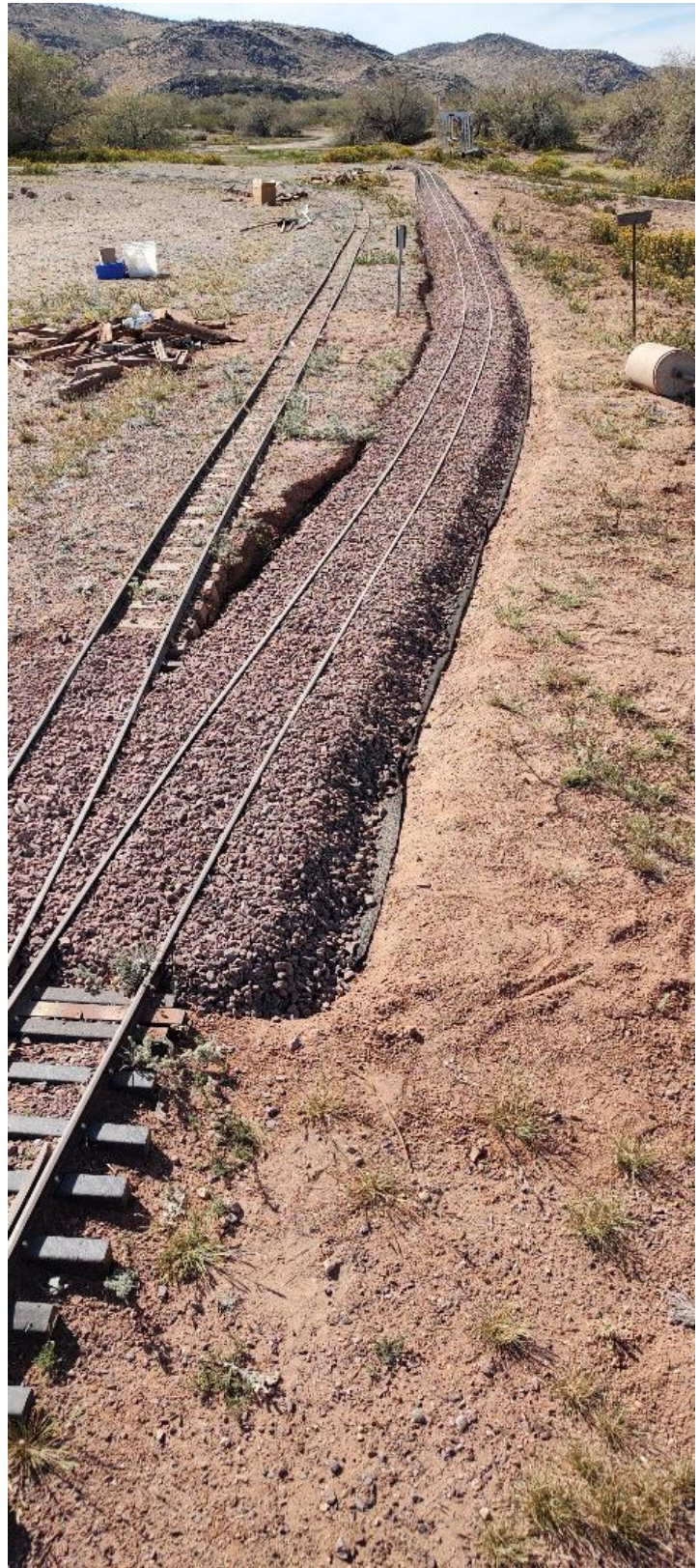
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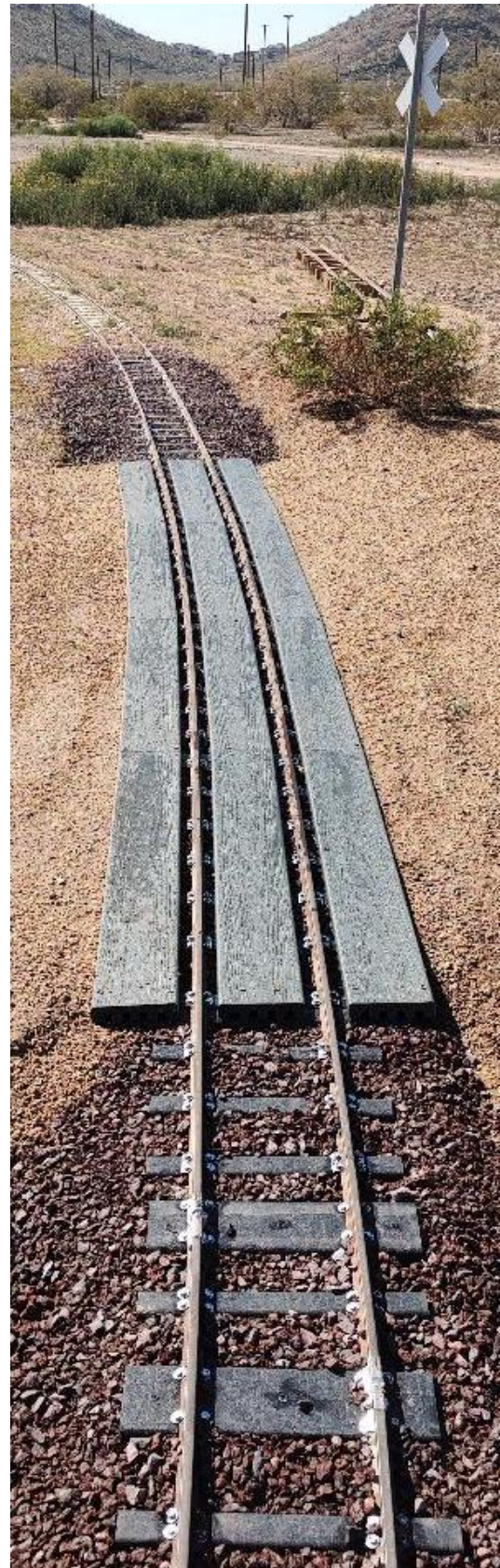
...Then work begins:



...And finally the first ballast →



Many other project areas have been addressed in the past 25 days:







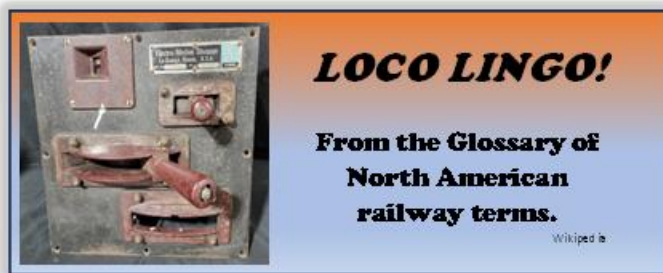
Many switches have been rebuilt to exact standards for smooth running:





← Lonely ties all stacked up and just waiting for you to give them true meaning in life by helping build new track panels.

And from Robbie Deihl, a shot of Jim Theobald and the first steam powered freight to reach Theobald on the new track:



What is an
Angel Seat? **





We welcomed several new members in February!

Hank and I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who supported Public Runs over the past month. On our busiest Sunday in February, we welcomed nearly 400 visitors which is approximately 100 more than our January peak.

Junior Engineer School continues to attract new and returning guests. Bobby, who first contacted us about Jr. Engineer School for his daughter, has since joined as a member with his family.



Our social media efforts are gaining strong momentum and have played a significant role in the increase in Public Run attendance. Please help us continue this growth by liking and sharing our posts — it truly makes a difference!



Like

Volunteers are always needed for train crews, the gift shop, station assistance, and equipment maintenance. If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Hank at ops.super@maricopalivesteamers.com or 602-300-3396.

This is a friendly reminder that 2026 membership dues were due on December 31, 2025, and many members have not yet renewed. If you have not yet completed your renewal, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at treasurer@maricopalivesteamers.com or 602-321-9702.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another great month ahead!

Dave Pulver
Treasurer, MLS



TEST YOUR ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE:

10. The final authority as to who may ride a train is the _ (514) *

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



MLS 2026 SPRING MEET! March 9 – 22

The first week of the meet is a work week. There will be no open running from before sunrise until after lunch. All attendees will be expected to pitch-in and assist. There will be multiple MOW trains and work opportunities.

Lunch will be provided for all attendees who work during the work week.

The second week of the meet will have open running. There will be some track closures while work continues.

More info and registration form on line:

[Maricopa Live Steamers: Maricopa Live Steamers Spring Meet 2026](#)

General Membership Meeting 12 noon, March 14

Hello You Gandy Dancers and Bench Steamers...



There is a rumor out and about that there may be the Gold Spike Ceremony at one of the DSP&PRR meets this summer. I am writing to tell you that there is a very, very good chance that this may be happening. Yes, this would be for the completion of the railroad which would bring the mainline to about 7,100 feet of train running in both directions.

We could really use help either laying track or running ballast trains the week of Saturday, June 27. I have a feeling things will be really busy.

Arrangements for the Potluck Dinner Saturday evening are still in the making. It will probably be held in Martin and Debi Hrabec's new barn. I will mail out more info on that once the arrangements are finalized.

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. With the Gold Spike Ceremony we will have over 7,100 feet of mainline track with wyes at the top and bottom and four passing sidings and will have bi-directional operations. 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 new Kokomo Siding will be completed on the Northern Division allowing two-way operation from Como across the 3 new bridges on the giant "S" curve to the top of Little Mountain. This will be one of the most scenic and fun routes on the railroad. Please see the website for plenty of photos and more info --> www.dsppr.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.

For directions to the RR meet, 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

There are also numerous motels in the Canon City area. You can do a Google search to get info on them.

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.

Thx,

Woody Lewis 303-847-8980 mogul@dsprr.com



Thank you for all your MLS club support!

Send photos and suggestions to: stanfm@aol.com

Visit our website Maricopa Live Steamers and our

Facebook page [MLS Public Rides](https://www.facebook.com/MLS Public Rides) to **stay informed!**

*(D. Engineer.)

** (The second level seats on a cupola-style caboose)