

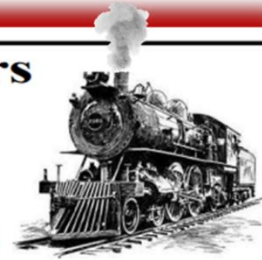


Maricopa Live Steamers

STACK TALK

April 2026

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



Successful MLS Spring Meet!

I want to start by thanking everyone that came out for our spring work week and meet. We made a lot of progress installing new track as well as rebuilding other areas until replacement can be made. Every bit of help is important, as it allows us to keep moving forward. Many people had a great time running their trains, as all the hard work is paying off.

The matching fund raiser has paid off. We exceeded the goal and raised more than \$50,000.00 which includes the \$25,000.00 match. I want to personally thank each and every person that donated their hard-earned money to our track replacement fund. I can assure you we will keep working to make MLS a better place.

Track Progress

We have completed the main at Theobald. A new connection has been installed between Farflung and Bobberg at Joshua Junction. In addition, a new grade crossing has also been installed.

Let the following pictures speak for themselves. Pictures are by Larry Messing.

Just a reminder for everyone running at MLS. The new track runs very smooth. Please keep your speed to 5 MPH on the main and 3 MPH in yards and switches.

Once again, I thank everyone that helps with their time and money to move MLS forward.

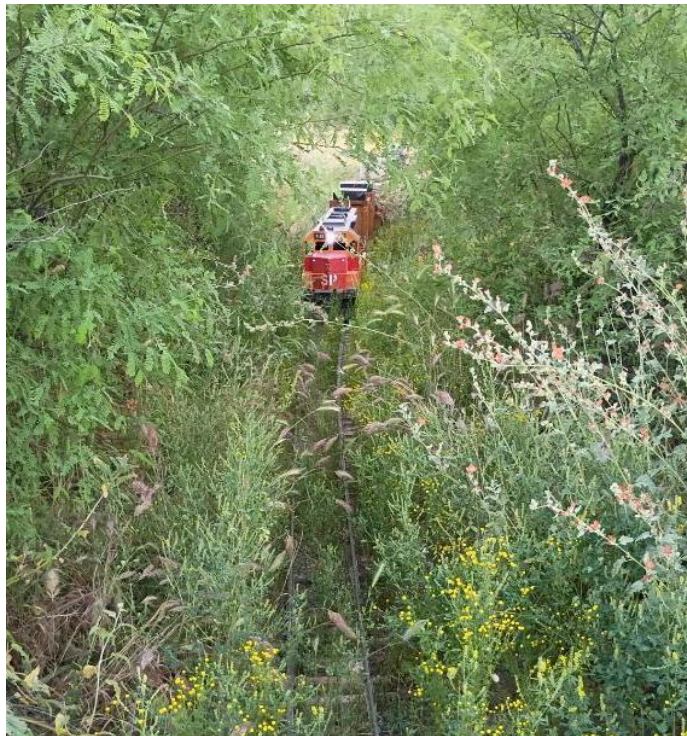
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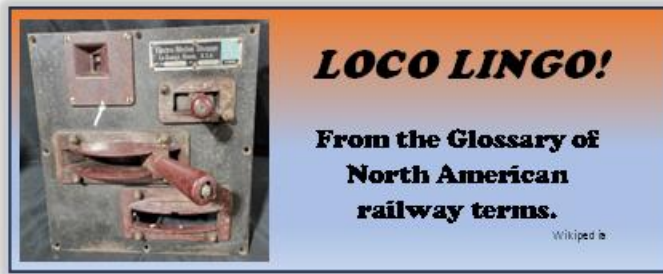






Huge and yummy thanks to Carlyle for his Pulled Pork Pot Luck Dinner on Friday!





What is the phrase:

*High Ball***

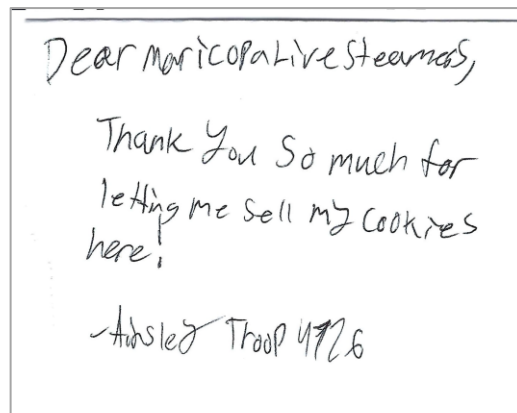


Thank You!



On Sunday Feb. 15 my granddaughter, Ainsley Hartman, came to the park to sell Girl Scout cookies. Ainsley had a goal of selling 1000 boxes of cookies and she sold her 1000th box of cookies at the park! Another of the requirements is to hand out a thank-you.

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TEST YOUR ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE:

17. All mainline switches shall be left _ (534) *

- A. With the switch handle to the right.
- B. In their normal, operating position.
- C. In the same position as they are found.
- D. So the next train will follow.

**Outreach/Education**

We had two great opportunities last month to get out into the public and talk about MLS. At the right you can see Bob Rauperstrauch at the Tempe Library STEM night. And then below giving train rides at our booth at the McCormick-Stillman RailFair!



On the right, you can see Larry Kirchner teaching a lucky group on how to run his Mikado. We heard they all did a great job!





General MLS Membership Meeting 12 noon, April 11

SPRING MEET
 FAIRVIEW PARK, COSTA MESA, CA

EVENT DATES
APRIL 24, 25, 26
 FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON SATURDAY NIGHT WITH:
 MICHAEL CAMPBELL ON DISNEY'S BACKYARD RAILROAD

CAMPING AVAILABLE, FOOD ON PREMISES, GOATHILL GRILL, PLENTY OF LAYOUT TIME, RUNAWAY CAR
 CONTEST, SWAP MEET, OPS MEET, NIGHT RUNNING, AND MORE

FRIDAY WELCOME DINNER, SATURDAY CHAIRMAN'S DINNER, SUNDAY FUNDAY

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****(B. In their normal, operating position.)***

- ** 1.** Another term for a clear signal, derived from the days of steam where a station operator would hoist a large wooden ball up a standard, signaling that the engineer was authorized to proceed.
- 2.** A slang term used among railroad employees to convey to the crew of a train that they were clear to proceed.