



Maricopa Live Steamers

STACK TALK

July 2026

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



Track Work Continues

As the summer gets hotter, we continue to install and complete new track. Fisher is just about complete. The only thing left is some additional ballasting and tamping. Even though the new track runs very well, please keep your speed to the MLS limits of 5 MPH on the main and 3 MPH in the yard and turnouts.

As summer has taken hold, our new track has been performing very well. So far, there have been no kinks or upheavals of any new work from the heat and sun. As you might expect, older areas are experiencing track mis-alignment due to rail expansion from the heat. We will address those areas as needed until full replacement is scheduled. Thank you to all that come out and help. It is greatly appreciated and needed.

Please be advised there will be **NO** board or general meeting in July. We will commence meetings in August.

For anyone that runs steam, please adhere to the fire ban for coal and wood. If you burn oil or propane, please have a fire extinguisher with you on your train at all times.

Long time member Joe Schnyder passed away on June 16, 2026. Joe was very dedicated to MLS for many years, and that commitment and hard work made MLS a better place. He greatly enjoyed the hobby, especially his rail car adventures. Please pray for Joe and his family at this difficult time, and may he rest in eternal peace. He will not be forgotten.



That's about it. Thank you for all the support and help. Every bit makes a difference.

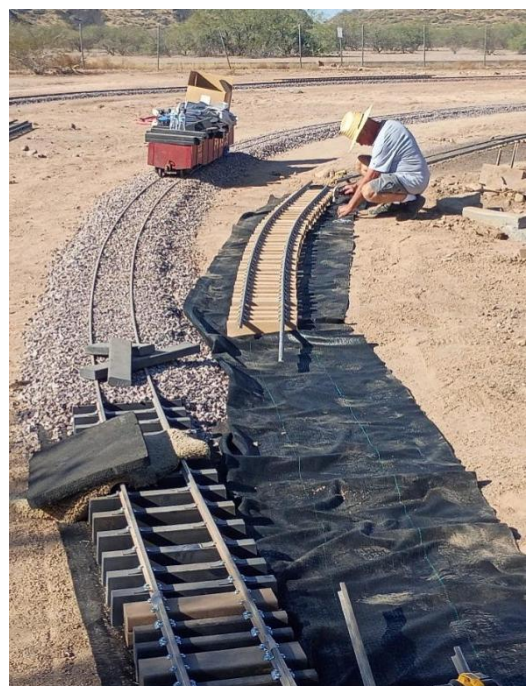
Take a look at all that has been accomplished by our dedicated members.

Larry Kirchner

President, MLS











**More Work
to be Done!**



I hope everyone is having a nice summer so far. As we head into the holiday weekend, I want to wish you all a safe, happy, and fun Fourth of July.

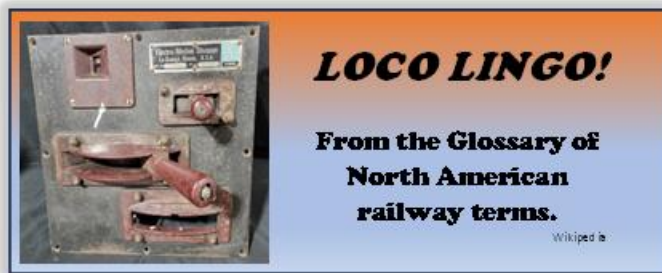
Name badges have arrived and are available for pickup in the clubhouse. If you were expecting a badge and don't see it, please contact me and let me know.

If you are waiting on anything from me, such as a donation acknowledgment letter or a reimbursement, it is possible I am not aware of it. Please do not hesitate to reach out so I can follow up promptly. I can be contacted at treasurer@maricopalivesteamers.com or on my mobile at 602-321-9702.

Dave Pulver, Treasurer



Long Ago... Where is this? Photo from Geronimo Vidales from 20 years ago he guesses. Perry thinks it is facing east around where Tanksalot is today.



What is:

“Eight and sand” **

TEST YOUR ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE:

15. Steam boiler test certificates shall be accepted as valid by the MLS if _ (230.1,232) *

- ☐ A. They have been issued within the past 12 months.
- ☐ B. They have been issued by a recognized live steam organization.
- ☐ C. Neither A or B because the engineer is ultimately responsible for the equipment's safety.
- ☐ D. Both A and B.



Thank you for all your MLS club support!

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*(D.) Both A and B.

** “Eight and sand” Term used to wish train crews well wishes and quick uneventful journey. Comes from [notch 8](#) (the highest power setting of modern locomotive throttles), and to apply sand to prevent wheel slipping.