

THE RLS CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



April 2019



A very rare photo of the person usually behind the camera of many RLS Photos, Joan Adams, in front of the Club's C-16 at the 2011 RLS Spring Meet

"There are friendships imprinted in our hearts that will never be diminished by time and distance."

- Dodinsky



President's Words Of Wisdom -

The Ides of March are upon us. The end of daylight wasting time means the sun is still up after work to get to the track or out to the garage to work on our trains, and the spring equinox makes the fun time even longer with each passing day. Soon enough the weather will be warm enough to play outside, and even the Roadmaster will soon announce the start of work days to begin at 7 AM so we'll get an extra hour of fun before we have to go inside.

If you missed the last meeting, you missed a good one. My daughter Jennifer celebrated St. Patrick's Day as our guest cook providing corned beef sandwiches, green deviled eggs, and Irish macaroni salad. If the Irish track crews who built the transcontinental railroad had eaten so well they probably would have double tracked the whole route. If you'd ever like to take a break from track work and compound clean-up, we're always looking for volunteers to do lunch on the work days. It needn't be fancy or even home-made, just organizing the pickup and delivery of pizza or sandwiches gets the crews fed. You don't even need to call me 'daddy'. Just let the Roadmaster or board know which month you'd like.

Of course the best thing about the arrival of spring is the start of the meet season. It's time to load the train into the truck or trailer to go visit with friends and get a change of scenery running on other tracks. With over a dozen club and private railroads within a day's drive of Riverside, it's possible to run at a different track almost every weekend. You get to meet a lot of great people, see how other clubs operate, and collect enough stories to last far in to next winter.

Our own RLS meet is only a few short weeks away. On April 26th to 28th it will be our turn to host our fellow railroaders from around the country to see some of the best railroading available, and probably see more steam in operation than they can get at all the other railroads combined. Tiffany Love, our new first term vice president, will be OS. We've all done enough meets that it's almost routine for most of us, but I'm sure she'd appreciate all the help we can offer. The O'Guinn family will be serving their famous breakfast both days.

The railroad and compound are in great shape, but we still have one more work day to spruce the place up for our visitors. This is our twice a year opportunity to clean out the refrigerator and clear out everything in the club house and compound that isn't welded down. Let's all make an extra effort to attend the work / fun day on the 20th, and have a great meet.

- *Bill*

FROM THE YARD MASTERS SHANTY

TRAIN AND ENGINE MOVEMENTS AT ALLEN'S VALLEY

The spring meet is rapidly approaching and I have a few thoughts on keeping trains moving thru Allen's Valley. This could apply on any run day. Having someone tend switches is always a HUGE help at Hunter Station and Allen's Valley. I'm not able to make all the run days so if the crossing guard positions and switch tending positions are filled at the station head on down to Allen's Valley and help out. If a radio is available grab one so you can talk to trains hauling the public and get them lined into the fuel tracks without them stopping.



As for people operating freight trains it would help a great deal if you would only use SOUTH FUEL #1 and SOUTH FUEL #2 (see Allen's Valley map) for fueling, which shouldn't take much more than 5 or 10 minutes. If you are going to be in Allen's Valley for an extended period of time yard your train on ALLEN'S VALLEY YARD 1,2,3,4 or ALLEN'S VALLEY DRILL LEAD (see map).

I know you engineers enjoy running your powerful locomotives and that is the main point of run day so let's all work together and keep things moving.

- *Patrick O'Guinn*



Along The Tracks - Rich Casford, Road 2

A family memorial service out of state pulled the Roadmaster away from the track for the March Fun (work) Day. The Roadmaster was in Nebraska watching flooding of rivers wipe out miles of railroad tracks on the BNSF line across the state. You come to appreciate the sunny California weather and the good drainage we have at RLS not to have to worry about floods on our railroad!

One of many advantages we have at RLS is the strong leadership of the various departments on the railroad. Starting with the club locomotives we have a dedicated crew of Dave Bunts, Larry Jongerius and David Lazarus that keeps the club locomotives in tip top shape without missing one run day assignment.

Car Foreman Brook Adams keeps the club car fleet in good mechanical operation with assistances car cleaners Ken Mitoma and Ken Long. Each Run Day our fleet of passenger equipment always look inviting to the travel public.

Without track, there are no trains. The Track Department is working behind the scenes to make sure the track is ready for train operations. Richard Ronne has developed a maintenance procedure on all the switches to give us trouble free operations. Richard has also set up a manufacturing process to build standard left- or right-hand switches that the track department can install with a minimum of effort as we replace mainline switches with old aluminum frogs.

Compound Foreman Bob Roberts keeps our facilities looking great, making sure the floors are clean, restrooms stocked with supplies and the trash and weeds are gone from the compound. We all need to remember the Bob is NOT our mother and we should pick up after ourselves!!

Last Fun (work) Day it was reported to me that we have a new NASCAR pit crew of Tom Brody and John Gurwell as they swapped new tires on the work trucks. Seems they both do not want to give up day jobs to change small tires with difficult bead mountings!

Also, the pipe crew of Brook Adams and Bob Roberts used age old methods of finding missing pipes by charging lines with water and waiting for the flood to pop out of the ground. There is no truth to the rumor that they proposedly flooded the tire changing zone of Brody & Gurwell.

Fun (work) days are some of the best times at RLS! Plan now to join us in April. The next work day will be April 20, 2019. **We need a camp cook that day, if you want to be Chef** please contact me at rich@wmp.net or (575) 756-4413. Board meeting at 1:00PM and all are welcome to attend.

See you at the track, Road 2

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW RLS BRAKEMEN

Micha Carrier, Jerry Roth, Sam Ferguson Mark Ferguson and Kevin Zamp



RLS Spring Meet

**The RLS Annual Spring Meet is this month!
Make plans to come out a visit April 26th, 27th and 28th.
If you are available to help out during Meet
please let Vice President Tiffany Love know.**





2019 Riverside Live Steamers Spring Meet Breakfast Menu

Sat & Sun April 27 & 28
7 to 9am

EGGS COOKED TO ORDER SERVED WITH BACON
SAUSAGE AND HASH BROWNS

PANCAKES ON SATURDAY

FRENCH TOAST ON SUNDAY

Coffee, Jucie and Milk

Prepared by John and Patrick O'Guinn
in memory of Kenneth and Rose O'Guinn

2019 Union Pacific Steam

Union Pacific's historic steam locomotives – Big Boy No. 4014 and the Living Legend No. 844 – are touring the Union Pacific system throughout 2019 to commemorate the transcontinental railroad's 150th anniversary starting April 27th.

Schedule info can may be found at the U.P. Website:

<https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm>

Thanks to Bill Hesse, Rich Casford, George Bartlow, Pat O'Guinn and Joan Adams for the photos and articles in this month Chronicle.

If you have photos, an article or anything else you'd like to submit to the Chronicle please email the Editor at: rockwreckrr@roadrunner.com

Upcoming Important Dates

Apr 10th: Run Day (Eastbound Outside Loop)	May 12th: Run Day (Westbound Outside Loop)
April 16th : Fun/Work Day	May 18th: Fun/Work Day
April 26—28th : Spring Meet	May 26th : Run Day (Westbound Figure Eight)

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Call (951) 779-9024 during a Run Day or Work Day for more information.

Public Run Days are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, Work Days (Fun Days) are held the Saturday following the first Run Day of the month.

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