
THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

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No man can be ideally successful until he has found his place. Like a locomotive he is strong on the track, but weak anywhere else.

-Orison Swett Marden

Along the Track

Roadmaster-Board Member Rich Casford

A major project always adds activity to the RLS Calendar! The new Escape Track Project to Allen's Valley and David's Yard is no exception. Not since the days of the Park Remodeling events back in 2010-2012 has there been so much activity at RLS!!

March 19th Work Day included a new tie wall on the west side of the parking lot to increase the size of our compound for parking behind the fuel tank. The tie wall for the Escape Track Project (ETP) was started on the eastside of the compound. Footing for the trestle bulkhead was dig and the form work started for concrete pour on March 26th.

The mainline was inspected and our new resident switch maintainer Richard Ronne was busy inspecting and adjusting switches on the Railroad. Marty Berg provided the Chef duties for the work day lunch and the Board Meeting was held at 1:00PM.



On Saturday March 26th 17 members arrived in the compound to finish the form work on the trestle bulkhead, mix and pour the concrete for the same. The tie wall was completed to the south fence line. Surveyors Dave Bunts, Larry Jongerius, Doug Prescott and Scott Horgan then proceeded to measure all the piers for proper height. The torch was lite and Larry Jongerius cut off the piers ready for the installation of stringers on Saturday April 2nd. John Gurwell was out about with his handy work truck. Bob Roberts had his trusty power hammer teaching our new members the fine art of rebar driving into the tie wall.

While the majority of members were working on the ETP site, the Roadmaster was sorting through all the RLS treasures that got dumped into the storage container after the February Caboose cleaning. Amazing stuff was found in those many boxes. There is more work to do in the storage container so if you have a desire to clean let the Roadmaster know!

We sprayed weeds in the compound and prepared for the annual Fire Department inspection which was due the week of March 28th. We passed the inspection with minor corrections. Now that the buildings and storage container are cleaned up. **DO NOT LEAVE CONTAINERS OF LIQUID UN-MARKED AT THE RAILROAD, PLEASE!!** Everyone needs to clean up after themselves when at the Railroad. The Roadmaster is not your mother!



Our next FUN (work) Days will be April 16th. Scheduled tractor work this weekend for the ETP and general clean up getting ready for the Spring Meet. Saturday lunch to the workers at Noon by Richard Ronne. Board Meeting at 1:00PM open to all. Work may continue after lunch with the escape track construction crew with the tractor.

Look at That Big White Thing!



We're still looking for ideas for the design on the cover of our new storage container. So all the last-minute, artistic procrastinators better get their ideas in as soon as possible! If anyone has any thoughts or ideas, submit them to any board member and they will be happy to pass along the information.

The Big Train Show

That's right folks! The Big Train Show is just around the corner! The dates are the 21st and 22nd of May. We're looking for some interested parties who would enjoy hosting a booth for the club at the show. If this has peaked your interest, contact Glenn Maness or Bill Hesse for more information.

Operating Superintendent Report

Joan Adams for March 13, 2016

The first run day in March was a doosie. We had 41 members come out to have fun. Even some we don't see a lot of, Don and Cameron Lannon, Randy and Jonathan Chase, Ken and Norma Casford (we had four generations of Casford's out today) plus brand new members Doug and Julie Sifter.

The Hunter train, engineers Brook Adams and Bill Hesse, brakemen Ken Mitoma and Ted Johnson, pulled public all morning. And after Brad Bluth and Cameron McMonigle finished pulling the party train with Brad's Challenger they also joined public train service with Ryan Briggs. Those two trains hauled 553 passengers! Unfortunately, the Hunter engine had to be removed from service close to the end of the day for some maintenance, but Rich Casford's 2926 stepped up and took over passenger service.



Also busy on the railroad, Richard Ronnie and his helper Scott Horgan worked on switches, keeping the track safe and in proper working order. Bill Hesse worked on signals. John Gurwell helped at the station and was called on a few times for re-railing assistance. Ken Long had flag duty at the station crossing, Bob Roberts controlled the switches for the station. Leone Fisher and Tina Shields manned the merchandise cart and Glenn Maness our ever present Station Master.

Early to Bed and Early to Rise...

Supposedly makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise. But why not skip the “early to bed” part?

We now have a board approved night run list for all you night owls. Come beat the heat, run some trains, and enjoy the park with not so many kids!

The night runs are June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th, and September 3rd.

If you will be attending one or all these night runs, please be sure to follow all safety rules that are in place. Treat them as regular run days and follow the direction of the O.S. of the run.

Spring Meet Info

Anyone interested in helping make this year’s Spring Meet a success can sign up for any of the jobs required to make things run smoothly. There is a sign up sheet posted on the soda machine in the club house. If you have any questions about what a job entails contact Bill Hesse. We will also need a hearty supply of volunteers for the Sunday Runday!

There will be no lunch or dinner on Saturday, but the club’s grill will be available for people who want to grill up their own food. If cooking just isn’t your thing, there are plenty of local eateries located close to the club. There will be a map identifying the near by restaurants for those who are from out of town, or those who get lost easy.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 10th: Runday (East/ Outerloop)

April 16th: Work day (Earth Moving & Steel Work)

April 22nd-24th: Spring Meet
& Runday (East/ Fig-8)

May 7th: Special Work Day (Steel Work)

May 8th: Runday (West/ Outerloop)

May 14th: Work day

May 22nd: Runday (West/ Fig-8)

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