
THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

August 2016 Chronicle



Each day holds a surprise. But only if we expect it can we see, hear,
or feel it when it comes to us. Let's not be afraid to receive each
day's surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy It will open
a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new
friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity.

-Henri Nouwen

Runday Recap: July 24, 2016

Operating Superintendent: Rich Casford

Sunday started out as a normal Run Day at RLS. Several engines were being prepared for steaming up, members were enjoying coffee and donuts. I went out on the mainline to do a track inspection. Not expecting any issues as I had been on the railroad the day before with the track blower car, clearing leaves and grass of the track.

We were operating the Westbound figure 8 track pattern for the day. As I walked along the straightaway I looked up to find 40 feet of track pulled out of the ground with two 10' sections bent by a vehicle driving into the park by Big Pine Tree.



Returning quickly to the compound, I gathered up tools and the track gang. The gang was on site at 9:00 am and within one hour and 20 minutes we had pulled 40 feet of track panels, installed two new panels, aligned and leveled with the power tamper! Normal Railroad operations started at 10:30 only a few minutes off the advertised!

Thanks to Dave Bunts, Richard Ronne, Ken Mitoma, Steve Borchert & friend Joe, Jr Member Matt Ruff and his dad, Richard Miller, John Gurwell, Scotty Horgan and your Roadmaster for quick work on the track damage.

The Hunter was under the controls of Engineer Brook Adams with Ken Mitoma and Ken Long Brakeman. Brad Bluth was running UP

#3977 with Cameron McMonigle assisting. Steve Borchert and his friend Joe operating Steve's 2-6-2. Scotty Horgan had the C-16 out for a short time before mechanical issues side lined the engine in Allen's Valley. However, it was cool to see the UP #3977 push the C-16 and Steve Borchert 2-6-2 up the hill towards Columbia Yard!! On the bays were Richard Miller 0-6-0 and Chris Enright and his vertical engine. Glenn Maness handled station duties with Glen Ruff (Matt Ruff's dad) handling merchandise sales.



It was a typical Riverside summer day so passenger counts were off due to the heat. 362 passengers were handling through the station along with a birthday party for RLS members Chris Neiman and Tiffany Love. Marty Berg had the red flag duty at the 4 track crossing. 26 RLS members were out to enjoy the railroad for the day.



Work Day Recap: July 16, 2016

Roadmaster Rich Casford

Summer time and the weather is hot but that does not stop the work crews of the Riverside Live Steamers. Once again a hardy group of RLS members came out to the Railroad to make improvements in our facilities.

Several years ago when the Columbia Ave bridge project was underway, the contractor was required to make a new temporary sidewalk entrance to the park along the west fence line of the RLS Compound. When the bridge project was completed the temporary park entrance was closed but the blacktop remained. The result was we lost 8 feet of our parking lot both inside and outside of the compound.

We received permission to build a short RR tie wall inside out compound and back fill with dirt to expand parking. That part of the project was completed several weeks ago and recently we were given permission to extend the tie wall outside out rear fence.



Saturday a crew installed the RR ties in the rear parking lot. We will be using a tractor to back fill the area so we will again have full use of our parking lots. John Gurwell, Chris Neiman, Tiffany Love, Junior Member Matthew Ruff and his Dad, Brook Adams handled the project

Over at the track building area, Richard Ronne, Brian Stephens and Bob Beard installed a new switch building track board that Richard Ronne designed and built. Richard Ronne has been systematically inspecting all switches and performing maintenance to improve operations. If you have an issue with a switch while you are running, please note the switch number on the repair list or let Richard know.

Larry Jongerius, Paul Quick and Dave Bunts were welding on the new diamond crossing for the Escape Track Project. Out on the track Dan Williams, Pat O'Quinn, Ken Long, Tom Lebs were attending to a section of damaged track caused by a car driving into the park by the Big Pine Tree. Once rails were replaced, it was determined that we had a hump at the tree. Removing 30 feet of track the track crew discovered many tree roots under the track causing the hump. This increased work required that the track gang return after lunch and the Board Meeting. Joining the crew were SMP Dave Bunts and the Roadmaster. The final track adjustments were made right at 4:00 PM. As with any Railroad, when working on track the job is done with the track is operational again.

We have developed a sequence of steps in the balance of the Escape Track Project so as not start a portion that results in getting ahead of another section of the project. Special work sessions will be called as

project parts are finished. We have ordered the gate, the Allen Valley switch is starting to be built, the diamond crossing is well under way. Lots of moving parts in this project and like a jigsaw puzzle it looks crazy until you place the last piece in the track.

Last minute Camp Cooks Dayna and Scott Horgan provided lunch to the crew. Our next regular work day will be Saturday, August 20th starting at 8:00 AM. Mark your calendars to join your fellow members for another great day on the Railroad



1/2" SCALE NICKEL PLATE BERKSHIRE **FOR SALE!**

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-The majority of castings and parts are from Jim Kreider. The engine frames are scratch built from flat bar. Also the tender frame is scratch built. The tender trucks are Buckeye from Mountain Car co. Kreider brass tender sides and back top are used, and the rest of the water compartment is all stainless steel with about 2500+ copper rivets all hand driven. The cab on the engine is Kreider sheet metal parts also.

- 7 1/2" gauge

-Propane fired. From the time you light the fire until pop off of the safeties is 35 min. That is with a propane psi of 5.

-Most of the model valves are from Super Scale.

-Includes refrigerator car which holds propane bottles. The Refer car carries the two 5 gal propane bottles. It is totally scratch built except for the couplers. The top lifts up for access.

-The tender holds 27 gals. of water. - Includes a 16ft flat 7000# double axle car trailer with three tracks. There are top boards that span across the top to put a tarp over. Also includes a transition track that goes between the trailer and turntable

-Asking price for all of the above \$85000.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 6th: Night Run

Sept 3rd: Night run

January 28th, 2017:

Aug 14th: Runday (East/
Outerloop)

Sept 11th: Runday (West/
Outerloop)

Annual Dinner

Aug 20th: Work Day

Sept 17th: Work Day

Aug 28th: Runday (East/ Fig-8) **Sept 25th:** Runday (West/ Fig-8)

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