
THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

December 2016 Chronicle



“The thing about trains... it doesn't matter where they're going.
What matters is deciding to get on.”

-Conductor, *The Polar Express*



DUES ARE DUE!!

2017 Membership Dues are due now! \$50.00 for Regular Member, \$25.00 for Non-Resident Member and \$15.00 for Junior Members. Please return your roster sheet and check to Riverside Live Steamers, P O BOX 5512, Riverside, CA 92517-5512. Cutoff date is January 31, 2017.

-Rich Casford, Secretary

A Message From Your President

Let me begin by thanking our out-going Board Members: President - Mike Gardner, Vice President - Bill Hesse, Secretary - Brook Adams, and Treasurer - Joan Adams. A lot was accomplished in 2016, including the completion of the bypass track project and the celebration of our 50th year in operation. Thank you all for a job well done.

I would like to congratulate our new Board Members: Vice President - Dave Bunts, Secretary - Rich Casford, Treasurer - Jim Kreider, and Board Members - Richard Ronne and Scott Horgan. I appreciate your support and am looking forward to a great 2017 together.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the past and present RLS members who for the last 50 years have worked so hard to build and maintain the railroad and facilities we enjoy today. I feel strongly that as we continue to slowly move forward with our planned new project list, we should also continue to maintain and improve the existing infrastructure of our club. We have been given a great gift, along with the shared responsibility to maintain it.

Please plan to join us for the Annual Dinner on Saturday January 28, 2017 at Kountry Folks Restaurant 3653 La Sierra Ave. Riverside, CA (91 Fwy @ La Sierra) beginning at 5p.m. Mark your 2017 Calendars to join us on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 8 a.m. for our Fun Days and 1 p.m. Business Meetings. There are lots of ways you can lend a hand including helping with lunch for the day. When you stop to realize the tremendous amount of work accomplished by a small group of dedicated volunteers, imagine what could be accomplished by a large group of volunteers.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year,

Brian Stephens

Work Day Recap: November 19th, 2016

Rich Casford, Roadmaster

Another great Fun (work) Day was had on November 19th as we continued fine tuning the Escape Track Project. The day's activities were directed to the North end of the track outside the compound fence.

Survey equipment was set up and measurements were taken from the steel crossing at the compound gate to Engine Lead (EL-#5) Switch. This allowed the track crew to align and level this section of new track.

Ballast was recovered between the side of the Creighton Cut-off and sidewalk where the park contractor had dumped excess ballast in 2012. As a side benefit, removing the excess ballast the park maintenance staff does not have to keep sweeping the rocks off the sidewalk.



Several ballast dumps were made on the North end trackage. In coming months, we will be spreading ballast in the entire area of the Engine Leads so you do not have to walk in dirt. We also will be spreading ballast the entire length of the Escape Track between Noble Quick Building, on the hillside East of the trestle works and in Allen's Valley on the South end of the new track.

Work will continue in the months ahead to align and level the South end and continue to monitor the entire new trackage for any settlements. Our history has shown us that new track takes about 6 months to settle in and then it is just routine maintenance. Who knows we

might just get a good wet winter this year and rain always makes track settle fast!

December Fun (Work) Day will have some new projects in the Compound for sealing the old storage container, installation of a vent in the new storage container, signal work for the escape track and general maintenance of the

Railroad. Bill Hesse will be Camp Cook for December.

We are looking for volunteers for Camp Cooks in 2017. RLS will pay for the food but we need cooks to organize the work day lunches each month. If you want to try your hand at being a RLS Chef, please let the Roadmaster know. You can send an email to me: rich@whittiermailing.com or leave me a message (575) 756-4413.



Plan on making the Fun (work) Days in 2017. You will be glad you did!

*To see more pictures from this month's rundays
head to steamonly.org!*

Super fast and Easy Sloppy Joes

Richard Ronne

5-6 Servings:

1 ¹/₂ lbs Ground Beef (Extra Lean)
1 tsp. Salt
¹/₂ tsp. Pepper
4 tbsp. Molasses
1 ¹/₂ tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
3 tbsp. Yellow Prepared Mustard
1 tsp. Tobasco
³/₄ C. Ketchup

10-12 Servings:

3 lbs Ground Beef (Extra Lean)
2 tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Pepper
4 oz. Molasses
3 tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
3 oz. Yellow Prepared Mustard
2 tsp. Tobasco
1 ¹/₂ C. Ketchup

20-25 Servings:

6 lbs. Ground Beef (Extra Lean)
1 tbsp. Salt
2 tsp. Pepper
1 c. Molasses
3 oz. Worcestershire Sauce
6 oz. Yellow Prepared Mustard
4 tsp Tobasco
3 C. Ketchup

Brown beef & salt. Drain all juice from browned beef and add molasses & mustard and mix well. Add remainder of ingredients and mix well. Add more of anything to taste. Simmer momentarily and serve on hamburger bun of your choice. Top with chopped onion and American cheese as well as pickles. Serve with chips or baked potato.

*To submit an article, picture, or other items, email the editor at:
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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 3rd: Bi-directional Day Run

Dec. 11th: Runday (East/
Outerloop)

Dec. 17th: Workday

Dec. 25th: Runday (East/ Fig-8)

Jan. 8th: Runday (West/ Outerloop)

Jan. 21st: Workday

Jan. 28th:
Annual Dinner

Jan. 29th: Runday (West/ Fig-8)

Feb. 12th: Runday (East/
Outerloop)

Feb. 18th: Workday

Feb. 26th: Runday (East/ Fig-8)

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