
THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

February 2017 Chronicle



Driving the train doesn't set its course.

The real job is laying the track.

-Ed Catmull

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

Along the Track

Rich Casford, Roadmaster

With the recent rains in the Riverside area made a change of plans for Saturday, January 14th work day as most of the project areas were too wet and muddy to work.

Before all the crew arrived in the compound with their trucks and cars the Roadmaster got out the portable tank weed sprayer and used the work truck to spray weeds in the compound area and along the new parking lots extension. This will be an on-going project during the winter months with the rains.

After a good round of coffee and donuts the hardy souls that arrived on the work site at 8:00 AM started on cleaning the compound. This important task if done every work day makes the facility look great and does not take long to complete with all the help.

While cleaning Director John Gurwell suggested we remove the old track rails from the SP Caboose that left the compound in May of this year. With the help of the crane truck, the rails were quickly removed from the site. It was noted that there was no resistance to lifting the rails, as the ties and spikes were almost completely gone! The only thing holding the Caboose in place on the track was gravity, weight of the caboose and no earthquakes these past 40 years!

A small track crew aligned and leveled the south end of the new escape track outside the fence line. Then our President Brian Stephens ran the power tamper over the line three times since the ground was perfect for tamping with the recent rains. The escape track and the rest of the mainline will benefit from our recent rains and in the next few months the track should set up nice and firm. The Roadmaster and SMP Bunts aligned the Summit Switch #1 and restored the curve at that location.

The Signal Dept. requested some track workers to remove the dirt in the track structure by the flasher signal near Big Rock on the mainline. Once the dirt was removed, fresh clean ballast was spread. This action allows for the track circuits to work properly and the flasher signals will turn off after a train leaves the block. This track was power tamped by President Stephens after the Board Meeting.

Lunch was served by Chef Director Scott Horgan with help from Dayna Horgan. The Board Meeting started at 1:00PM and was completed in record time under the able leadership of President Stephens

We are looking for volunteers for Camp Cooks in 2017. February work day is open and are still in need of a cook. March and April work days are covered by volunteer's. 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.

In remembrance...

Well now that the initial numbness and shock has somewhat subsided in regard to the passing of my longtime friend, SuperScales's Barry Hauge, I felt it appropriate to say a few words about him. After all, many of the locomotives out there are riddled with his parts.

I first got to know Barry sometime in the early 70's when he was developing and testing his safety valves. We used to gather in Sun Valley at Truson Buegel's garage, where Truson was working on Tom Miller's first locomotive (a Little Engines Pacific) along with a set of Railroad Supply passenger cars. Barry was there prototype testing his safety valves with a small boiler borrowed from Charlie Dockstader. Barry was a perfectionist (and the word "genius" comes to mind.). The safety valves had to consistently open and close with a sharp pop. Nothing short of that was acceptable and the design and machining had to work for every valve, not just some. In addition the valves had to be a perfect scale model of a Consolidated 3-1/2" safety valve. How nice I thought, just

what this future Berkshire model needed.

Barry also designed his Nathan Simplex injector with a fabricated body which went on Charlie Dockstader's 410-0, and worked every time. I got one of the first production run Simplex injectors which I installed on my newly rebuilt Little Engines Atlantic which was initially built by Buzz Sutch. Never had trouble with it.

Barry was a mechanical engineer, a USC man. He worked at various places like Bethlehem Steel for a while until family circumstances released him sufficiently from the everyday financial burden so that he was able to do what he loved and that was to develop SuperScale.

By the way, the name SuperScale was a word initially coined by none other than Chet Peterson of Railroad Supply. Barry had worked at Railroad Supply for a while and was a constant source of frustration to Chet Peterson (as was I) with Barry's desire to stick with scale details. Chet stormed out of the office one day and made the comment "dam SuperScalers" and Barry thought, hum, a name for my new company. Barry was 74 years old if I recall correctly, much too soon for his passing. Well Barry, you have a lot of people out there who are going to miss you. -Jim Kreider

I didn't know Nannette Beard as much as I should have. When ever I saw her she always had a smile on her face. The last time I talked to her she was trying to get a hold of me so she could warn me about the fabric she used when making a blanket for our new baby. She was willing to even make a new one if I had already washed it wrong. Its unbelievable that she is really gone. Nannette was one of the most caring and considerate people I will ever have the honor of knowing. She will be sorely missed and the club will never be the same without her around. -Dayna Horgan



Annual Dinner

We had a great turn out at this year's annual dinner. For those who weren't able to attend it was held at Country Folks in Riverside. There were many awards handed out during the evening. The biggest 'thank you' went to all those hard working individuals who participated the 'Escape Track Project'. Each of those members were given a shovel in remembrance of all their time and dedication.

The winners were (in no particular order) Larry Jongerious, John Gurwell, Brook Adams, Chris Neiman, Tiffany Love, Bob Roberts, Bob Beard, Rich Casford, Chris Enright, Larry Fisher, Mike Gardner, Bill Hesse, Scott Horgan, Ted Johnson, David Lazarus, Warren McGowan, Richard Miller, Ken Mitoma, Ken Mitsch, Pat O'Guinn, Bill Phillips, Doug Prescott, George Pruitt, Paul Quick, Richard Ronne, Doug Sifter, Julie Sifter, Mark Spaulding, Brian Stephens

Also as project manager the the Escape Track Project, Dave Bunts received the 'One shovel to Rule them All' for his great leadership in such a massive endeavor.

Doug Prescott won Hogger of the Year, for being out on the railroad and running the most throughout the entire year.

And the winner of the 'Live Steamer of the Year' was Bob Roberts.

Overall, it was a spectacular dinner. For those of you that participated in the event be sure to let a Board Member know what you thought about this year's dinner!



Easy Peasy Washcloth by CraftyRie

Submitted by Dayna Horgan

Yarn: Worsted weight Cotton yarn

Hook: 5mm hook or whatever hook you feel comfortable using with the yarn.

Chain 25, using the main color yarn.

Row 1: Skip first stitch then *1 sc & 1 dc in the next stitch, skip next stitch.

Repeat from * to end of row. Turn.

Repeat row 1 for 18-20 rows either until square or it's at the size you like!

Fasten off and weave in ends.

To finish with the trim:

Using secondary color, sc around the edge adding an extra chain stitch into the corners to keep the trim flat.

Fasten off & weave in the ends.



Photo and pattern courtesy of CraftRie blog: <http://www.craftyrie.com/2012/11/free-pattern-crochet-easy-peasy.html>

To submit an article, picture, or other items, email the editor at: ghostpublicist@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 12th: Runday (East/
Outerloop)

Feb. 18th: Workday

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

Mar. 12th: Runday (West/
Outerloop)

Mar. 18th: Workday

Mar. 26: Runday (West/ Fig-8)

April 9th: Runday (East/ Outerloop)

April 15th: Workday

April 21st-22nd: Spring Meet

April 23rd: Runday (East
Outerloop)

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