
THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

January 2017 Chronicle



“I woke up early and took the first train to take me away from the city. The noise and all its people. I was alone on the train and had no idea where I was going, and that’s why I went there.”

-Charlotte Eriksson

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

Brian Stephens

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years with your family. Many RLS family members had a great day enjoying the railroad, nice weather, and hearty fellowship; plus, the fun of running long freight trains in opposite directions at our annual bi-directional run day on Sunday January 1st.

Please plan on joining 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. This will be a fun night as we celebrate last year's accomplishments and honor those that helped get it done. We still have some RLS 50th Anniversary mugs and 2017 Calendars available.

It takes a lot of folks to run a railroad and RLS is no exception. Please take the time to thank the folks who work so hard to make sure our RLS track and facilities are second to none. We owe them a lot because it is their hard work that allows us to enjoy safely running our trains and using the facilities. Speaking of facilities, Remember, this is a volunteer organization with no hired help and the facilities don't clean themselves. We as members are responsible to clean up after ourselves and try to leave things in better condition when we leave than they were when we arrived.

Some members mistakenly believe that our work/fun days are for them to work exclusively on their own equipment or that we already have enough help and don't need them too. We always need more help and there is always something that you can do. We are always looking for members to sign up to provide lunch (expenses covered) on our work/fun days, assist the Operating Superintendent and Station Master on run days and to volunteer for small special projects within their abilities.

We have members that cannot attend work days who volunteer for special projects they can complete on their time schedule. We have other members who faithfully attend our run and work days and actively participate as needed. It is that spirit that makes RLS such a blessing to be a part of and I am honored to serve as President for 2017. Thanks for all you do!

Happy New Year!



Work Day Recap: Dec. 17th, 2016

Rich Casford, Roadmaster

Your Roadmaster was assisting in the operations of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Santa Trains in Chama, NM on the December work day. However, the RLS work crews went after the work project list that yours truly left behind!

Track crew aligned and leveled the south end of the new escape track. Ballast was spread and the beginning of the final touches for the completion of this project were handled by the very active track crew. The escape track will benefit from our recent rains and in the next few months the track should set up nice and firm.

Weeds were sprayed in the compound area. This will be an on-going project during the winter months with the rains. A new vent was installed on the second container.

Over in Hunter Station a hardy crew cleaned the merchandise room and organized all the inventory into new sealed plastic containers keep everything clean and ready to sell. We are installing a new ice machine in the merchandise room to provide ice on work days and run days. A couple of additional days to finish up the installation of the ice machine will then eliminate the need to purchase and haul ice each work or run days.

On the car front the first installation of the car brakes were completed on one of the Hunter Train straddle cars. Testing will begin at the next Run Day.

Lunch was served by Chef Bill Hesse and the Board Meeting started at 1:00PM.

We are looking for volunteers for Camp Cooks in 2017. January and February work days are open and are still in need of cooks. 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.

Our next Fun (work) Day will be January 14, 2017. When there are five Sundays in a month we move the work day in between the two run days. Mark your calendar now and plan on attending.

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

See you at the Track!



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

Compound Announcement

It has been brought up that people have been pinching their fingers in the roll up doors on Bab's Building and Barney's Barn. So, Board Member John Gurwell took it upon himself to help protect the safety of the club's phalanges. John has painstakingly painted the handles on the roll up doors a bright and noticeable yellow color. This is to encourage **all** to use them.

From the Compound Supervisor...

Parking: Unless you are dropping off or picking up your equipment be sure to only park in designated areas.

Clubhouse: Members shall log in and out on the clipboard provided.

Clean up: Clean up your area after using the work bench and or club tools. This is a safety issue as well as a general Club Member courtesy.

Secure all doors and activate alarm: Security of the Club and Compound is every member's duty. If you have a key to the Compound, you must walk the perimeter and verify all is secure before arming the Clubhouse upon departure.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 8th: Runday (West/ Outerloop)

Jan. 14th: 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)

Mar. 12th: Runday (West/
Outerloop)

Mar. 18th: Workday

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

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