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News of The Riverside Live Steamers



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Out of Allen's Valley and Climbing the grade with ease the Big Boy,
with Rich Casford at the throttle, heads for Panorama Point.

"It's a good thing to let another generation know what a steam locomotive is."

— Southern Railway Vice President-Law W. Graham Claytor Jr., ca 1966



President's Words Of Wisdom -

When I asked for the president's job (yes, I did volunteer for this!), I had to promise the rest of the board I'd keep the meetings down to 45 minutes. You may have noticed Brook and Bob sitting on each side of me where they could kick me under the table to keep things moving. I hope they don't carry out their threat to come armed with tasers next month.

The usual standing committee reports did get done in 45 minutes, and we held the review of current and future project till the end. In addition to eleven projects that we inherited from past boards, a dozen new projects were proposed either from the floor or board members followed by as many rousing discussions. It's amazing how we collected more opinions than there were members present. I particularly welcomed the input we got from some of our newer members. Sometimes a fresh view or ideas brought from other clubs or outside experience is all that's needed to bring a project in to focus.

I'll spare you the details of all that was discussed, since it will all be in the minutes to be read at the next meeting. If you're interested, come early for the free donuts, free lunch, and the opportunity to participate in the RLS outdoor recreation and track service program. More opinions are always welcome. I promise to hold the discussions to only a few of the more popular upcoming projects. - Bill

Then and Now...



R.L.S is more than track, engines and rolling stock:

Jonathan and Randy Chase (Jonathan at the throttle) headed out of Panorama Point April 27th, 2002

Jonathan and Randy Chase in the steaming bays getting ready for the September 1st Night Run 2018



December 9th RunDay Recap...

You could almost call the December 9th **Run Day “Superpower Sunday”!**

Rich Casford readies the 4-8-8-4 “Big Boy” for a day of passenger service after some recent Backshop work.



In the image below are Mark Spaulding and David Moore on David’s 4-6-6-4 “Challenger”.



Above: There is lots of activity in and out of the Compound leads



With Marty Berg protecting the Four Track Crossing, Bob Roberts eases the Hunter train into the station with Station Master Glenn Maness watching and Ken Mitoma at the ready.



Along the track by Rich Casford, Road 2

Railroads need people to operate.

No better way to describe how RLS works than to showcase some of our more active members who make the Railroad work!

Master Switch Builder Richard Ronne not only has designed a system to build replacement switches for some of those worn out units on the mainline, he also is a chef as Richard provided lunch to the workers at the December gathering!

Ever wonder who empties all the trash cans, cleans the restrooms and makes sure there is coffee and cups available for you in the engine house? Meet Bob Roberts, Compound Supervisor. Remember Bob is the Supervisor, not your mother so give him a hand and clean up after yourself! Taking time to empty trash cans is not exclusive to the Compound Supervisor.

As you approach the four-track sidewalk crossing in the Hunter Station you know you will be protected by Marty Berg our resident crossing guard. With his statue people come to a complete stop as he swings the red flags to call attention to the passing trains.

The station crew of Stationmaster Glenn Maness, RLS Vice President & Merchandise Manager Tiffany Love, switch tenders & brakeman Ken Mitoma, Ken Long, Chris Newman, Matt Ruff, Jim Wood make sure all the passengers are taken care of and safely loaded and unloads off the trains.

John Gurwell our resident emergency responder and his work truck of tools always ready to respond to a radio call for assistance.

Signal Maintainer and current RLS President Bill Hesse keeps our flashers and wig wag signals working properly to protect the sidewalk crossings.

Working away from RLS Steve Borchert and his dad drilled a pile of rail joiner bars for the track department.

I could write the entire Chronicle about the members of RLS who just step up and handle jobs around the railroad. It takes a lot of people to make RLS happen. You too can be part of the team. Come out and join the fun.

The next work day will be January 19, 2019. We are in need of a camp cook that day, if you want to be Chef please contact me at rich@wmp.net or (575) 756-4413. Board meeting at 1:00PM and all are welcome to attend.

See you at the track, Road 2

December 23rd RunDay Recap...

Operating Superintendent and President Bill Hesse presided over the Run Day with cool to mild temps, great day for live steam railroading!

Operating the Christmas Express Hunter Train in the morning was Chris Nieman with Scott Horgan taking over at 12:30pm. Our Brakemen on the passenger train were Canberra Rhorbach and Kris Kringle (Manny Caldera).



Out on the rails early were Brendon Hilton, Andrew Martin on his narrow gauge 2-4-2, **Bob Chamberlain** on his "Atlantic", Tom Brody and Jonathan Rhorbach on **Tom's 2-6-0** and Doug Prescott running his "Pacific".

Helping out with passenger service throughout the day was Rich Casford at the throttle of his Santa Fe #2926 and Mathew Ruff as Brakeman. Thanks to John Gurwell for set-up and take down of the Station, Tiffany Love for covering the Merchandise Cart, Marty Berg at the four track crossing and Glenn Maness our Station Master.





RLS "HOUSE CLEANING" FOR 2019

Here it is folks, after this you can't say "I didn't know"... well you could, but you will be mocked, chided and pestered endlessly by everyone else!

Compound Garbage:

Steaming Bay trash goes in to the cans at the bays, better still, get some exercise and walk it over to the large cans in front of the Club House. While you are there pop your recyclables into the appropriate can. All trash at the end of the Work Day or Run Days should be bagged and placed outside of the South Compound gate for pick up by the City.



Parking the Service Carts:

This is wrong and is damaging the front end of the O.S. Cart.



The O.S. Cart gets backed in, the Crash Cart is driven straight in. The carts are to be parked nose to nose.

Bab's Building - Club House:

Basically, when you walk out of the Club House it should look better than when you walked in. Clean up the tables where you eat, throw away all your rubbish. Did you leave a trail of donut crumbs behind you? Hansel and Gretel do not need to know your location - Sweep 'em up!

Did you run the saw, drill or grinder? If so, sweep up your swarf. Put away the equipment and tidy up. If you do all this the Gods of Steam will surely smile upon you, if not, most likely your coal will **not light, you will constantly suck your fire out, your injectors won't pick up and your whistle will sound like the Creature from the Black Lagoon gargling in the morning.**



2019 R.L.S. Calendars will be available at the Station.

11.5"x 14.5" - \$11.00



Have you purchased your 2019 RLS Calendar? On sale at the Station.

January photo captions: Top left Marty Berg Crossing Guard at Hunter Station along Iowa Avenue with Bob Roberts on the Hunter.

Top right Fred Rout in passenger service at the second version of the Columbia Station **along Columbia Avenue. Lower left John Noble's 2-8-0 #2500** now owned by Larry Jongerius with Paul Lavacot as brakeman. Lower right, Bob Beard on #15 Grand Canyon owned by brakeman and Honorary & Charter Member Ron Wilkerson.

Questions for the group:

Can anyone remember how many versions of the Columbia Ave Station were operated over the years in history of RLS?

Can anyone identify the engineer on John Noble's 2-8-0 in the lower left photo?



Smaller Scale Modelers: Great Train Show - Ventura, CA

January 26-27, 2019 - 10am-4pm

Seaside Park/Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 W Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001

More Information is available at their website: <http://trainshow.com/ventura/>

Thanks to Rich Casford, George Bartlow and
Joan Adams for the photos and articles in this month Chronicle.

If you have photos, an article or anything else you'd like to submit to the Chronicle
please email the Editor at: rockwreckrr@roadrunner.com

Upcoming Important Dates

Jan 5th: Annual Dinner

Jan 27th: Run Day (Westbound Figure Eight)

Jan 13th: Run Day (Westbound Outside Loop)

Feb 1th: Run Day (Eastbound Outside Loop)

Jan 19th : Fun/Work Day

Feb 16th : Fun/Work Day

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Call (951) 779-9024 during a Run Day or Work Day for more information.

Public Run Days are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, Work Days (Fun Days) are held the Saturday following the first Run Day of the month.

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