

# THE RLS CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



July 2018



**Hunter Engineer and City Councilman Mike Gardner at the throttle of the City Thank You Luncheon Train**

*"Everything is a railway junction where past and future are sliding over one another, not touching."*

Timothy Morton



## President's Words Of Wisdom -

When the esteemed editor of this fine missive began haranguing me regarding the President's message he made the comment that the year is half over. Well. He's right - we are half way through 2018 and it's been a good year so far. The club is working together well, we seem to be having more fun than should be expected and work is being done when there is work to be done. (Does that last statement even makes sense? I wrote, so it must.) I really have no gigantic news, we are just doing what we always do - carry on being the only all steam railroad in miniature railroading. THAT is something to be proud of, and carry forward. We have lasted over 50 years and the clubs core group of members, those that show up for run days and work days and the special days, while changing individual members has always remained consistent. Those folks who show up and work the clubs needs into their own are what makes this whole thing work. You, the members who come out rain or shine, hot or cold to run the trains, crew the trains, and do all the "little" jobs that

add up to a great run day (or work day for that matter) need to be recognized and applauded. Let me be the first to say thank you!

As just a side note (seeing as I do stream of consciousness kinda writing) I mentioned hot or cold. Now is the hot time in Riverside, and we all need to remember to keep hydrated while running the railroad - drink water, drink Gatorade, stay aware of your own comfort levels, and watch those around you as well. We need to stay healthy to have fun, so watch the heat and don't let it take advantage of you.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CITY THANK YOU LUNCH



The annual City Thank You lunch was held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Picnic Shelter #1 for various city officials. We were fortunate this year to have the entire City Council attend, along with several Park Commissioners, City leadership officials and all the managers of the Park, Recreation and Community Service Department.

After introductions by President Dave Bunts and a brief history talk by Roadmaster-City Liaison Rich Casford thanking the City for their continue support lunch was served. After lunch train trips

were offered on the Hunter locomotive and train with Hunter Engineer & City Councilman Mike Gardner. We had several new city officials at the event this year and they were very impressed by our operations and dedication to the citizens of Riverside.

This event builds relationships with the various city departments and sets the Riverside Live Steamers apart from all other volunteer city organizations.

The results are priceless in the operations of the Riverside Live Steamers.





## Along the Track June 2018 by Rich Casford, Roadmaster

Saturday, June 16th started as a cool day at RLS.

The track crew almost needed a jacket with the temp at 61' when we arrived at the Railroad. Forty feet of mainline track was removed and reinstalled to take out a bad hump that had developed at Panorama Point. Three 10-foot sections of rail were replaced on the straightaway East of the Big Pine Tree. Various switches were serviced by Master Switch Building Richard Ronne.

The Compound was cleaned up and weeds sprayed.

Senior Project Manager Dave Bunts and his smaller band of weldette's were again burning rod (really wire feed welding) in the Noble Quick building with the third level track almost complete.

Lunch was cooked by Scott Horgan and the Board meeting was held at 1:00PM

Plan on joining the fun on **Saturday July 14th** for our next FUN (work) DAY.

## Summer is here—Stay Hydrated !!

We all know in the summer Southern California has Mediterranean to semi-arid climate and we can't always count on the on-shore breezes to make it inland 55 miles so be sure to keep your water bottle handy out on the railroad and sip it regularly!



## From the Safety Supervisor...



Boys and girls, I am horrified. I am horrified that I write this every single month and it appears a portion of you are not reading, or at least not absorbing, what I'm trying to get across as the Safety Weasel.

I keep writing about, pleading for and preaching situational awareness while on the railroad. I had the spectacular experience recently while running east bound on our wonderful facility of having a member on his fearless iron steed run eastbound through Columbia Yard and hit the main on the east side of the yard in front of me. I saw him over there, ahead of me, off the main as he came up the engine lead, keep moving and after running through several trailing point switches hit the main. I NEVER saw his eyes.

You wonder at this statement? If I never saw his eyes, he NEVER saw me or my train. Due to my astute understanding of the laws of physics, vector dynamics and the intense desire not to damage anything, I slowed down to avoid the inevitable crash. What would have happened if I had been paying the same amount of attention that he was? It could have been ugly out there in Columbia yard with all the finger pointing, yelling and arm waving. EVERYONE needs to be aware of what's going on around them. It doesn't matter if you're the engineer, the brakeman, the crossing guard at the 4 track crossing, switch tender or just a casual observer at Panorama Point.

PAY ATTENTION to everything going on around you. You can get hurt here at RLS, and my job is to try and keep that from happening.

- Dave

## Night Runs!!

Night Runs have been scheduled for July 28th, August 4th and September 29th.  
Come out and enjoy running in the cooler Summer evening hours!!

## Mark Your Calendar — Annual Dinner January 5th 2019

The RLS Annual Dinner will be back at the Hidden Valley Banquet Hall in Norco on January 5th. Dinners will be \$26.00 a plate. Check your future Chronicles for more info to come!

Thanks to George Bartlow for the photos in this month Chronicle.  
If you have photos, an article or anything else you'd like to submit to the Chron  
please email the Editor at: [rockwreckrr@roadrunner.com](mailto:rockwreckrr@roadrunner.com)

## Upcoming Important Dates

July 8th: Run Day (Westbound Outside Loop)	July 28th: Night Run
July 14th: Fun/Work Day	August 4th: Night Run
July 22nd: Run Day (Westbound Figure 8)	August 12th: Run Day (Eastbound Outside Loop)

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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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