

# THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

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***“Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”***  
-Will Rogers

## Along the Track

Rich Casford, Roadmaster

We had a very successful City of Riverside Thank You lunch on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> where we invited the City Council and Parks, Recreation and Community Service staff to Hunter Park for lunch and a train ride. We had 7 of the 11 city council members out along with Park department leadership. The smaller crowd made it easier to have good conversations about RLS operations. The City is very pleased with the level of volunteer efforts all the RLS members provide in operating the Railroad. Our volunteering for train operations is the way we pay the “rent” for the Railroad. Look for some important new projects coming in the months ahead improving the park and the railroad. Bob Roberts fired up the Hunter and our own Councilman & Hunter Engineer Mike Gardner took the council on a trip around the park. The City folks were very impressed with the Bunt’s By-Pass track and the quality of work. Good Job all those RLS members that work on that project!!!

The weather man got all excited that the June Fun (work) Day was going to be so hot the ballast was going to melt. It was warm but not unworkable for our June 17<sup>th</sup> work day. With the new ice machine, we never ran out of cool ice water for the various work projects.

Mainline track inspection and alignment work was conducted by the ever faith full Track Crew. Thanks to a well detailed track map from the prior Run Day, the Track Crew could find the majority of the dips and bumps on the track. The Roadmaster took a couple of junior members out on the mainline and gave them lessons in the proper care and use of a leaf rack to remove ballast from the tops of the ties. The Car Repair Foreman was laid up with a bad knee so the blower car was still out of service.

Back in the compound, members cleaned up the facility, the parking lot was spot sprayed for weeds again. This is a never-ending task but if we work on it each month it only takes about 20 minutes to clean the entire compound.

SMP Bunts and Hunter Engineer/Compound Supervisor Bob Roberts worked on the Hunter in the cool shade of the east bays. Working alongside the Hunter on the garden tracks of the compound were Richard Ronne and Ken Mitoma installing brake lines and air tanks on additional Hunter Cars. All this was being done under the watchful Eye of Charter Member Ron Wilkerson and photo historian George Bartlow.

Lunch was provided by the Family of Chef's belonging to Chris Enright, with Dessert provided by Bob Beard. The Roadmaster would like to thank all the RLS members who have handled the lunch duties! If you would like to try your hand at being the Work Day cook just let the Roadmaster know! We still have openings left for the balance of the year starting in July. Remember if no one volunteer's you get BBQ Steaks by the Roadmaster.....tube steaks that is!

After lunch President Brain Stephens called the Board Meeting to order at 1:00PM to a small hardy crowd of 16 members and the Board of Directors.

Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> for our next schedule Fun (Work) Day at the Riverside Live Steamers.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**July 1st:** Night Run

**July 9th:** Runday (West Outerloop)

**July 15th:** Workday

**July 23rd:** Runday (West Fig-8)

**August 5th:** Night Run

**August 13th:** Runday (East Outerloop)

**August 19th:** Workday

**August 27th:** Runday (East Fig-8)

**September 10th:** Runday (West Outerloop)

**September 16th:** Workday

**September 24th:** Runday (West Fig-8)

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**For Work Day and Run Day updates, Visit: [www.steamonly.org](http://www.steamonly.org)**

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