

THE RLS CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



March 2019



Dale and Bob Chamberlain pulling up the grade out of Allen's Valley

"It ought to be plain how little you gain by getting excited and vexed.
You'll always be late for the previous train,
and always on time for the next."

— Piet Hein



President's Words Of Wisdom -

March is always a favorite time of year for our hard working secretary and treasurer as the annual beg-a-thon for dues and track rentals comes to an end. The entire board thanks you for your support. While the club is an all volunteer organization, there are expenses involved in keeping everything running and improving the facility wherever we can. Sometimes that costs money. Your financial support and the donation boxes at the station are our primary sources of revenue.

At last count our membership was at 163. That number hasn't changed by more than a few members for many years. We lose a few as people move out of the area, take up other hobbies, or just run short on time, but there are always new members coming in to take their place. While some clubs may rate their success by how large they are, we at RLS pride ourselves on the camaraderie and fellowship that a smaller group provides. 'Live Steam' may be becoming a sub-set of 'Large Scale Railroading', but RLS will always be where the best of the best call home.

On about the fourth page of the roster you'll find a list of more than a dozen standing committees that keep the railroad in operation. These dedicated groups take a huge load off the board handling everything from track construction, compound maintenance, organizing events, and maintaining the club and city owned equipment to keep our public run days running smoothly. Often these unsung heroes of the railroad can be found at the track mid-week or working from home. If you see something that needs doing, it may be best to check with the committee chairman to see if it's already on the to-do list. Better yet; step up! We may even be able to fund your favorite project.

- Bill

"It never rains in California..."



Above: We are looking Southwest into Allen's Valley.

And as Albert Hammond's song goes on to caution "It pours, man it pours"! The year is 1993 and Mother nature must have thought things looked a bit dry around Southern California!



Right: We see the trackage leading up to Summit.

Along the tracks by Rich Casford, Road 2

Rain all week but Sunshine on Saturday, February 16th provided a great day for working at RLS.

The track crew was out leveling and aligning track from the Diamond Crossing to Palm Garden Switch #1, the Casford Crossing Switch #1 was raised and track #4 in the station was also aligned.



The welding crew was in the Noble Quick Building working on the eastside top tracks setting the alignment and starting the welding process. The top tracks are almost completed, then comes the hoist part of the project.

Compound was sprayed for the spring weeds that will be here before you know it with all the recent rains.

Working in the car shop Car Repair Foreman Brook Adams was completing the re-trucking of the Hunter Brakeman Car with new standard RLS trucks.

The small dedicated work crew that came out Saturday accomplished a lot!

Lunch was prepared by new Member Kevin Zamp and it was OUTSTANDING!

President Hesse called the Board Meeting to order at 1:15 and we were done with the talking by 1:45PM! If you stayed home, you missed a great day at RLS! Plan now to join us in March.

The next work day will be March 16, 2019. Board meeting at 1:00PM and all are welcome to attend.

See you at the track, - Road 2



From the Signal and Security Gang ...

For members who like to look in on the railroad from time to time, the camera system is almost up and running on the new internet service. Just change the URL to 72.170.208.122:8209 to access the new system. Your username and password are the same as before. While the camera system can be a fun toy to show off the railroad to friends and family, its primary use is security. Some of the best security we have when the facility is unoccupied is members logging in at random times and just looking for anything out of place.

WIFI is also available within the club house. For newer phones and tablets, connect to RLSmemberG5, or RLSmemberG2 for older phones. The password is the same as the old STEAMONLY WIFI, and is also posted in the club house. Please don't share the password with anyone outside the club. We don't want to become a public service to the homeless. During meets, or when we have visitors, there is a guest service that can be enabled on request. - Bill

Riverside Live Steamers

Brakemen Class: **March 9, 2019, 9:00 a.m.**

The sign-up sheet is on the Soda machine in the Clubhouse.

Training Instructor: Manny Caldera

Engineer: John Gurwell

Calendar Captions for March

Upper left: Road 1 Ken Casford walking from Station, on the ground left to right Road 2 Rich Casford, Jerry Nickels (red hat) Jack Sessums (blond hair), unidentified RLS Member standing looking at the trackwork.



Upper right: John Thorpe SMP steaming cleaning Hunter during rebuild in his term

Lower Left: Tom Minnerich Hunter Engineer on old trestle by-pass of tunnel trackage



Lower Right: RLS Human crane moving station platform to west end of old station, John Noble in blue shirt, might be Brian Ratliff right w/o shirt and Paul Lavacot right side. Notice 1" track through the station.

Road 2



It's that time of year again....

...to place an order for your RLS Club T Shirt!

These shirts are Gray Beefy T's from Hanes, with a pocket. This year we have short sleeve and long sleeve shirts available

Order form is attached and this is a pre-order/prepay deal. We do not stock these shirts but order them on demand. You can give your order to Joan or Brook Adams, Road 2 or mail your order to the PO Box. Checks should be made payable to Riverside Live Steamers. We will place the order in a few weeks when everyone has had a chance to look in the closet, decide which T shirt should become engine wiping rags! We have all sizes as you can see on the form.

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RLS CLUB T SHIRT ORDER FORM

Time to order new club T-shirts and turn your old ones into engine wiping rags! Give your order to Joan or Brook Adams or Road 2

These are Gray Shirts with pocket. Available this year in Regular and Tall Size. Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve

Short Sleeve Shirts are \$10.00 EA. Long Sleeve \$15.00 EA.

Small Regular _____ _____

Medium Regular _____ _____

Large Regular _____ _____

These shirts are \$15.00 EA. Long Sleeve \$20.00 EA.

Short Sleeve Shirts

Large Tall _____ _____

XL Regular _____ _____

XL Tall _____ _____

XXL Regular _____ _____

XXL Tall _____ _____

XXXL Regular _____ _____

XXXL Tall _____ _____

NAME: _____ **TOTAL \$** _____

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ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM

2019 Spring Railroadiana Swap Meet, March 9 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

<https://www.oerm.org/event/2019-spring-railroadiana-swap-meet/>

**The RLS Annual Spring Meet is just around the corner!
Make plans to come out a visit April 26th, 27th and 28th**

**Thanks to Bill Hesse, 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

Mar 9th: Brakeman's Class RLS Compound	Mar 24th: Run Day (Westbound Figure Eight)
Mar 10th: Run Day (Westbound Outside Loop)	Apr 10th: Run Day (Eastbound Outside Loop)
March 16th : Fun/Work Day	April 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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