

# THE RLS CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



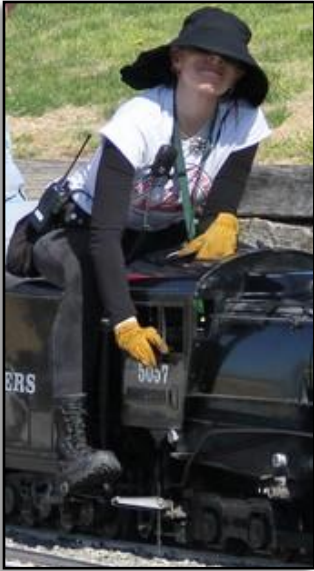
May 2019



Tom Lawson at the throttle of his Berkshire, helping out with passenger service on the last day of the Spring Meet.

**"It doesn't matter which side of the tracks you're from, the train still rolls the same."**

*Robert M. Hensel*



## Vice President's Words Of Wisdom -

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I honestly never thought I'd see myself in the position I'm in. "Join the club!" they said. "Run for the Board." they said. Next thing you know, I'm VP of the club and learning about and doing a hundred different things every time I'm out! You guys sure keep me busy and my brain occupied! Now, I'm fully convinced our President Hesse injured himself for the sole purpose of putting me on the spot! I kid, however, I do hope Bill heals up quickly. In his absence, I was forced to head the last board meeting which, luckily, I managed to keep under an hour with the help of Bob whispering to me when to "move along". Hopefully Bill will be back in the swing of things by the next meeting and take his rightful position at the head of the table and I can go back to the peanut gallery.

The other major event this month was the Spring Meet. Holy Moly! What an event! With over 100 (almost 150!) members and guests present and almost 20 engines on the rails on Saturday alone, the compound and tracks were full full full!! I was amazed at how many people were there when I arrived at 7:30! We had members from Chula Vista, LA, and Ridgecrest to name a few. There was even an attendee from Reno! Thanks to everyone that made the long haul out to Riverside!

There are so many people I want to thank for all they did and all they do. This is definitely NOT a one-man operation! Bob Roberts not only kept the compound clean, but also took over as OS most of Friday since I had to work, Dave took over for a little while on Saturday so I could get in a much needed nap, and Ronne was more than willing to take over for the night runs. John was extremely helped with quite a few of the OS duties I'm not as familiar with doing, and of course headed up the re-railing. Thank you to all of our engineers who helped pull public on Sunday!! Bob, Chris, and Brook shared Hunter duties, while the ever present team of Ronne & Ruff chugged along, and Tom Lawson even lent a hand!

Thank you to Glen for running the station. A huge thanks to all of the brakemen, switch tenders, and flag holders for making our operations run more smoothly and efficiently. Doug Prescott set up the switches for the bi-directional night run. Gary Mocko took care of putting up the flags and taking them down. An extra special thank you to the O'Guinn's for the delicious and filling breakfasts on both Saturday and Sunday and Diane Prescott for the Rice Krispy treats and brownies! Thank you all for keeping our bellies full!

I know there are probably quite a few people I left out, but I wanted to thank EVERYONE for all of their help and presence! We have such an amazing group of people here. Everyone was so willing to lend a hand with anything that needed to be done. I heard so many compliments to our club and its members about how friendly and knowledgeable they are. I have to agree!! I enjoyed meeting the Butlers and the Cascarellis as well as some of the other members that don't get out to RLS as often as they'd like. It's always a pleasure to get to know some of the regulars a little better. We also have a fantastic bunch of newer members that came out to learn more and lend a hand. Thanks to everyone that came out and participated in the fun-filled and successful 2019 RLS Spring Meet!

Now get me out of this spotlight and back behind that Merch Cart!!

- *Tiffany Love*





## Along The Tracks - Rich Casford, Road 2

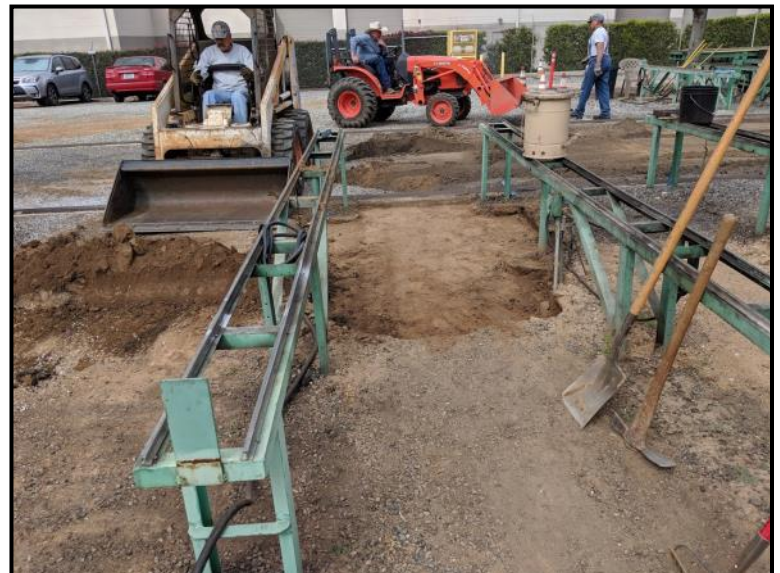
Lots of FUN (work)DAYS in April!

The Roadmaster had a switching problem to solve. With the Spring Meet coming on at the end of April, a brand-new switch ready for installation in Allen's Valley sitting on the picnic tables on the eastside of compound and a minimum of 8 people needed to move the switch to the job site, what to do??

Road 2 decided to enlist the help of the Noble Quick Third Level welding crew, the Compound Supervisor and his team of trench diggers and a small track crew to arrive on site April 6th. The old AV#3 switch was pulled, and the new switch delivered by gondola with the help of all the extra workers. Once the new switch was set in place, the welding crew retired to the Noble Quick third level and finished all the tracks for additional storage.



The Compound crew with help of Bob Chamberlain's tractor and Tom Brody's Bobcat continued leveling from the re-piping job, graded and replaced the rock in the transfer table pit and leveled the rear parking lot for additional parking, ready for the meet. Track crew finished the switch installation. President & Camp Cook Bill Hesse feed the crew for day. Helping with all the projects were Richard Ronne, Kevin Zamp, Dan Williams, Matt Ruff, Bob Roberts, Dave Bunts, Brook Adams, John Gruwell, Chris Newman, Dale and Bob Chamberlain, Tom Brody, Bill Hesse and Road 2.





## Along The Tracks - Rich Casford, Road 2 ...cont.

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We had so much fun that nobody looked at the mainline until Richard Ronne was testing a locomotive late in the afternoon and discovered 50 feet of mainline trackage pulled out of the ballast at the overpass!

So, on Saturday, April 13 a small track crew of Richard Ronne, Ken Mitoma, Kevin Zamp, Bob Roberts and Road 2 pulled the damaged track, removed the ballast, re-installed the track and ballasted in less than 3 hours. While the track crew were working John Gruwell, Tiffany Love and Chris Newman welded a new fuel box on the North Fuel Lead to allow for in-line filters to be installed. Compound Supervisor Bob Roberts played Picasso and painted the fuel boxes.

Everything worked as planned on the April 14th Run Day!

Saturday April 20th was the clean up day before the Spring Meet. The mainline was in good shape so the entire crew cleared the weeds in the compound, cleaned up ready for the meet. Richard Ronne was our chef for the work day feeding the crew, and VP Tiffany Love handled the Board Meeting at 1:00PM.

Fun (work) days are some of the best times at RLS! Plan now to join us in May. The next work day will be May 18th, 2019. We need 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



### April 14th Run Day

With our President out of commission, Board Member and Compound Supervisor Bob Roberts took over the helm as Operating Superintendent for the April Run Day. More than a few members came out to tune up their equipment for the up coming Spring Meet.



Great weather, good friends and live steam, it's a hard combination to beat!





## **RLS WEBSITE UPDATE!!**

*For those of you that may not have heard our new Webmaster Kevin Zamp has been busy working on updating our Club website.*

*Kevin is in the process of moving some of the older content over to the new page. We even have a new web address, you can check out his progress at <http://riversidelivesteamers.com>*

## **April 28th Run Day**

Operating Superintendent Tiffany Love finished off her tenure as Spring Meet Chairman with a great Public Run Day on the 28th!



With three passenger trains running throughout the day our Crews at Hunter Station and Allen's Valley were kept on their toes. Thanks to everyone that made the day so enjoyable!!



# RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

## SAFETY RULES

### Rule #411

Blowing down of boilers must be done outside the steaming area, and away from any personnel or structures that may be damaged by steam and/or hot water.

**Thanks to Tiffany Love, John Gurwell, Rich Casford, 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](mailto:rockwreckrr@roadrunner.com)

## Upcoming Important Dates

May 12th: Run Day (Westbound Outside Loop)	June 9th: Run Day (Westbound Outside Loop)
May 18th: Fun/Work Day	June 15th: Fun/Work Day
May 26th : Run Day (Westbound Figure Eight)	June 23rd: Run Day (Westbound Figure Eight)

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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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