
THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

November 2017 Chronicle



"I get by with a little help from my friends..."
-Ringo Starr

There is a RLS Training Class on December 9, 2017, starting at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All interested members please sign up on the sheet located on the club house vending machine.

You will need to bring your rule book to class. Probationary members please download "Rules, Whistle, and Hand Signals" from the RLS website and bring that with you.

You will be tested on the material in class including hand signals and whistle commands. There will also be a practical training on loading and unloading including incidents.

The Safety Minute...

Dave Bunts, Safety Supervisor

Howdy folks, it's the Safety Weasel yet again.

Today's little missive is Rule 211 subsections a. AND b. Rule 211 (I know that all of you have the rules memorized and know exactly what I'm talking about) is basically in existence to prevent one of us from running head on into somebody else because Rule 211b says that main line switches shall be placed back into the direction of travel for the day. Please note that that does not necessarily mean the switch is realigned for the main line. We have multiple routes we can use for running, and some of those use the diverging route through the switch to make the diverging route the main line for the day. Most of our switches are locked into the route we are using that day. (If you don't have a switch key, pick one up in the clubhouse on your way out, there are a bunch of them. Also, if you're a bit anal-retentive, the key is a Master lock key number 2001, you can get your own and not worry about other peoples germs on the general use switch keys.) On your first trip around our miniature rail system, look at



the switches and how they're set. If you need to unlock one of them to make a turning movement, reset the switch back into the locked position. Oh, and the subsection a of Rule 211 says that it is the responsibility of BOTH crew members to make sure Rule 211 b is followed. This sorta keeps the finger-pointing down...Both are responsible.

RLS Fall Meet Recap

Dave Bunts



RLS has notched yet another Fall Meet in our glorious history. I would dearly love to claim some credit for the success of the thing, but I really have an aversion to blatant lies. The credit goes to a whole bunch of folks, Richard Ronnie and Bill Hesse for the Friday early opening and setting the stage for our traditional open arms approach to our brothers and sisters in steam locomotion. We got to see Mac McLaughlin again, sad day because he sold his engine, but good to see him again. We had folks out polishing the rails Friday until after dinner time.

Saturday dawned with a promise of excellent California weather and a scrumptious breakfast being served by the O'Guinn family is what I'm hoping is the beginning of a long tradition. The patri-

arch of the O'Guinn brood, Ken, was an exceptionally active member of RLS who always had a friendly word and a big smile, no matter the circumstance. On a more personal note, I learned a couple of important facts from Kenny who was a plumber before he retired - 1) Something that begins with S flows downhill, and 2) Payday is on Friday. These are Words To Live By. Anyway, by 10 in the morning we were scrambling to find steaming bays for all the engines that had arrived. That problem was eventually solved and like all good steam engines, those folks made it out for a prime day of steam. There is one thing that is a constant at each of our meets - Randy and Jonathon Chase showing up around the time Randy decides he's had enough fun at work and then running late into the night. I will admit that there is something peaceful about running at night and it looks way cool from Allens Valley as the train goes by with a steady headlight, flickering fire in the box, and a nicely glowing red light on the back as it goes by.

Sunday brought another excellent breakfast, and a very limited group of dedicated RLS folks. The weather had threatened to go HOT, and it did. Most of our guests were gone by mid-morning,

Along the Track

Rich Casford, Road 2

Our October 14th Work Day was a short one so some of us could attend the Memorial Service for Curtis Claybrook. Glenn Maness & his wife Eldonna, VP Dave Bunts and Roadmaster Rich Casford represented the club at Curtis Service in Diamond Bar Saturday afternoon.

Even with a short day our crews got a lot done to prepare for the Fall Meet the following weekend. Compound was cleaned up, along with the Engine House ready for the famous O'Guinn RLS Breakfast at the meet.

Out on the Railroad, Switch Master Richard Ronne and Jr. Member Matt Ruff cleaned and serviced all switches in Allen's Valley. Dan Williams and Tom Brody worked in Hunter Station on Track #1 aligning and ballast dumping to fix the flood damage from the park water leak the last Run Day.

Board Meeting was called for 11:00 AM and Pat O'Guinn cooked Ball Park Hot Dogs for lunch which disappeared quickly with the hungry crews at Noon. Pat's volunteering saved the crews from the Roadmaster tube steak fry!

The Roadmaster was in the neighborhood Sunday afternoon at 5:00PM and finished painting the switch handles green for main-line directions prior to the Fall Meet.

The Fall Meet has come and gone. Thanks to all the hard work of the members the Railroad operated smoothly the entire three days of the meet.

Coming November 18th, we will again start our winter work on the Railroad. We have some alignment work on the main-line. We are getting close to starting the compound project of new air/water & electrical service. A few more steps in the planning process and then the real fun begins. Keep your eyes open

and based on the heat and lack of passengers in the station to be hauled by Richard Ronnie and Tom Lawson (because the Hunter had to be taken out of service for a mechanical fault) we shut down early. All in all, it was a fantastic weekend, and I want to thank everyone who was there for making it all happen. I just can't claim the credit - RLS did it by having the most friendly, energetic and giving memberships around.



for some special work days this winter while we enjoy the cool winter weather (as I write this message it is 103' in Southern California area!). It will get cool sometime this winter!

Your new July 2017 Safety Rule book should be in your hands by now. It was mailed with your dues renewal notice. It will be easy to determine your new book from the old book as the cover is a different color and has a 2017 date. There was a highlight sheet with the rule book showing the updated rules for safe operation. Please read the highlight sheet on the changes to some of the safety rules. Safety Rules are to protect you, your guests, your equipment and the public in the park. It is up to each one of us to know the safety rules and follow them.

RULE #1 SAFETY FIRST!

If you would like to have another Safety Rule book to read at your bedside, have a spare copy in your tool box or desk at work we have additional copies available for \$5.00 per copy. Ask any Board Member to purchase additional copies of the rule book. You can never have enough copies!

Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday November 18th for our next schedule Fun (Work) Day at the Riverside Live Steamers.



President's Remarks

Brian Stephens

This year's Fall meet was a huge success, especially the traditional free breakfasts provided on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to the O'Guinn family for the good cooking each morning. In addition to our regular membership that staff the railroad on public run days, we had attendees from as far away as Texas and Arizona.

Thank you to our new regular camp cook Cheryl Lannon who has been doing a good job feeding the hungry workers on our Fun/Work days held on the third Saturday of each month. We are looking forward to cooler temperatures for the November Fun/Work Day and hope to see more members present to help in maintaining and improving our railroad and facilities.

Please plan to join us for the 2018 Annual Dinner on Saturday March 3 at the Reid Park Clubhouse which is located about a mile from RLS. Dinner will be provided by McGraths Catering. This will be a great night of good food along with some fun and fellowship with your fellow RLS members.

I would like to say thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as President this year. Thank you for your support and the hard work that continues to make RLS such a great organization.

May your water sight glass always be half full.

Runday Recap: October 8th, 2017

The O.S. of the day was Richard Ronnie with John Gurwell on the re-rail cart.

At the station was Station Master Glenn Maness, helping with merchandise was Tiffany Love. Four track crossing covered by Marty Burg and giving Marty a break was Chris and Tiffany's son Lex. Station switches manned by Chris Neiman.

Public trains in operation were the Hunter Train with Bob Roberts at the throttle and Ken Long handling Brakeman duties. Brian Stephens and Matthew Ruff took care of the birthday party train, Scott Horgan and Jim Wood were the stand by hot engine and helped out on passenger service.



Freight trains on the railroad were Doug and Julie Sifter on their 0-4-0, Steve and Peggy Borchert running their 2-6-2 and Ken Adamson on his 2-6-0.

Other members at the Runday were Vice President David Bunts, Secretary Jim Kreider, George Bartlow, Ken Long, Gary Mocko. Richard Miller, David Moore and Brook Adams.



No Parking on the Grass

Rich Casford

Over the summer we have had some public automobiles driving into the park and across our railroad tracks. Working with the Parks Department we now have formal city approved NO PARKING or DRIVING on the grass signs installed in various locations around the park.

If you see a car on the grass notify the Operating Superintendent, any Board Member or the Roadmaster so we may contact the proper authorities to handle the parking citations. This is also a reminder for all RLS members and their guests not to drive or

park on the grass as we will be subject to the same parking citations. We are working with Parks Dept to obtain a formal parking area south of Allen's Valley Yard where we park overflow cars during a meet.

Speaking of No Parking, the entire block along Columbia Ave is now posted for No Parking. You will get a parking ticket if you park along Columbia Ave.



Storage Update

Rich Casford, Storage Chairman

All engine and car buildings are currently completely full. Even if you see an open track it is rented by one of your fellow members. Do not bring any equipment to the facility at this time to store in the buildings.

I have three engines on a waiting list to store at our railroad. If you have a need for storage please send me an email rich@wmp.net or call my cell phone (575) 756-4413 and I will put you on the wait list.

I will be working with the current members who have storage at the railroad making some adjustments in track locations in the next few weeks. Storage invoices will be sent out in the mail soon.

To submit an article, picture, or other items, email the editor at: ghostpublicist@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

November 12th: Runday
(West Outerloop)

December 10th: Runday
(East Outerloop)

January 14th: Runday
(West Outerloop)

March 3rd: Annual Dinner

November 18th: Workday

December 16th: Workday

January 20th: Workday

November 26th: Runday
(West Fig-8)

December 24: No Runday

January 28th: Runday
(West Fig-8)

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For Work Day and Run Day updates, Visit: www.steamonly.org

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