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The RLS Chronicle

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



Fall Meet 2015..

Lots of activity in Allen's Valley on the last day of the Fall Meet.
Brad Bluth is pulling passengers from Hunter Station on the main line as on-lookers from the sidings watch him go by.

Check inside for more photos of the meet.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have managed to pull off another meet. The fall meets are traditionally not as big as the Spring Meets, and this one was no different. I didn't have the opportunity to count engines or visitors, we have a Vice President whose job is to do just that. I do know that we had some visitors, and I noticed a whole bunch of folks out on the railroad or just down in the compound gathered in the tradition of Live Steam – running trains or lying about running trains and the building and maintaining of same. There is always good camaraderie, and friendships are always renewed or newly made whenever live steamers get together. That is probably one of the neatest things about this hobby; there are some characters out there that we either love or loathe, and everything in between. But for the most part they are all friendly, and more than willing to pass some time in conversation with perfect strangers talking trains.

This is going to be the last time you will have to read this drivel from me, my time on the Board is coming to a close. It's been a long year of waiting for the engineering needed to start doing the escape track. The good news is, we now have it, and construction has begun. If you attended the last board meeting, you knew about the OK to purchase the steel for the supports and uprights needed to start bridgework for the escape track. Larry Jongerius had done a bunch of homework, so we let him run with the purchase orders and cash. (It turns out he really is honest, he is still around and not living on beach in Mexico on our dime.) Any way, he got the steel ordered, and he and John Gurwell went to pick it up and deliver it to RLS on a Saturday. We organized a small work party to see how far we could get in starting to weld the supports into the shape of what they needed to be, and after a couple of hours of work by Larry, John, Bob Roberts, Brook Adams and Scott Horgan the entire quantity, all 28 of them, were fully assembled. They still need to have the weld cleaned up a bit from the flux, and coated with a surface protectant so the steel doesn't start to corrode as soon as we put them into the concrete, BUT the big news is we have started. There is still a bunch of work to go, but the progress is visible. And as Confucius said, the longest journey begins with a single step. Anyway, I would like to thank the membership of RLS for another great year. As I've pointed out time and time again, it is NOT the board of directors that makes the place run as well as it does, it is the membership. All of you have seen a need to have something done, and just gone ahead and pitched in with your support to make whatever was needed happen. Thank you all for that. I guess it's why I keep coming around – it's the people, not just the trains, that makes RLS one of the best places to hang out on this earth.

Bunts



Along the Track by Rich Casford, Roadmaster

Thanks to all the members who participated in the monthly work days at RLS, our Railroad performed great for the Fall Meet. Many of our guests made comments about the good track. RLS has a solid team of track workers to keep the Railroad in tip top shape.

RLS member Richard Ronne looked at our track scope a few months ago and thought it needed some rehab work. After further inspection, he decided to build a new unit for the track crew. This scope allows for low joint inspection without the need of getting on your hands and knees to look down the rail. After that project, Richard designed a gauge measuring device that can be rolled along the track to check track gauge. Both of these tools help our productivity in the track department to improve the ride quality of our Railroad. Thanks Richard!! All of our knees also say Thanks!!

Now that the cooler winter months are upon us work will be starting on the escape track behind Noble Quick building to allow quick access to Allen's Valley and David's Yard area. This project will involve some extra work days in the months ahead. As work progresses work day notices will be posted.

Routine maintenance on the Railroad will also continue this winter. And the never ending Compound clean-up will be on the list of "to do" items. Remember keeping the compound clean is everyone's responsibility. The Compound Supervisor is there to assist, but he is NOT your mother so pick up after yourself!

November 14th will be our next Work Day starting at 8:00 AM. Lunch to the workers at Noon and the RLS Annual Meeting will be held in the engine house at 1:00PM. Join your fellow members to see who won the election to the Board of Directors. Selection of officers will be made at this meeting as well.

See you at the Railroad both Sunday, November 8th for Run Day and November 14th for Work Day.

Rich Casford, Roadmaster

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Run Day Oct 11th 2015

Bill Hesse was Operating Superintendent for our first Run Day of November, historically a quiet Run Day with the Fall Meet on the horizon, this Run Day however was a little busier than some in the past.

At the railroad we had two special guest groups, the Eastvale Cub Scout Pack 803 and the Advanced Video Production class of Mount San Jacinto College.

The Scout Pack stopped by to see the what it takes to operate the city's railroad, learn about steam engines and take a ride behind our 1/8 scale Big Boy locomotive.

The Advanced Video Production class of Mount San Jacinto College was here to film the run day activities going on at R.L.S. for an upcoming episode of their Inland Treasures program.

A big thanks to everyone that came out to help make the operations of the run day as smooth as possible.







The Fall Meet 2015 and Run Day

The fall meet was a great success. This was my second meet as meet chair and I learn things every time. Seems over the years the meets get started sooner and sooner! This year people showed up on Thursday to start running!

I love all the support from the members. After all, I couldn't do it with out your help. Thank you to Bill Hesse for coordinating the breakfast for both mornings and thank you to his helpers. Saturday was a busy day as we had all the steaming bays full and engines constantly coming and going from the compound. I look forward to the spring meet and see how much more steamers we can get out on the tracks. Thank you again for all the helpers!

A.J. Benson

The staff of the Chronicle would like to add their thanks to our Club Vice President, A.J. Benson and our membership in this year's Fall Meet. We invite you to enjoy the photos in this month's Chronicle provided by George Bartlow and Joan Adams. For more photos please visit:

<http://www.steamonly.org/>





Elections for Board of Directors...

All eligible RSL members should have received their ballots in the mail. Please vote for only four candidates. Ballots must be mailed and received by Friday, November 13, 2015 to be counted. Hand delivered ballots will **not** be counted.

Coming Events

Nov 8th: Run day

Dec 13th: Run day

Nov 14th: Work day & Board meeting

Dec 19th: Work day & Board meeting

Nov 22nd: Run day

Dec 27th: Run day

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

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