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# THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

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Curtis Claybrook was our long time Work Day camp cook. He and his wife Donna provided wonderful meals for our workers on every work day for many years. Curtis passed away on September 30th, 2017 from congestive heart failure. He cared for RLS so much and would tell as many people he could about the club.

# Meet The Nominees!

Here are your 2017-2018 Board of Director Nominees in no particular order:



Ken Mitoma

Ken has been a member since 2015. Ken is a regular on Run Days as well as Work Days. He can most often be found covering Brakeman duties for the Hunter or Birthday Trains additionally tending switches at the station. Ken is part of the crew adding the brake system to the Hunter straddle cars. Always ready to help out on work days, in the Compound as well as out on the track crews.



Tiffany Love

Tiffany joined RLS in 2016 just in time to be a big part of the Bunts Bypass project. She tried her hand at welding and grinding, some of you will remember Tiffany on the business end of the demo hammer driving rebar in for the tie retaining walls. A Brakeman for the club, she is currently training to be a Hunter Engineer as well as helps out at the Station on Run Days.



Chris Neiman

Chris is currently a Brakeman for RLS as well as in training to be a Hunter Engineer. He joined RLS in 2016, and is a regular fixture on work days. Chris put in major hours on the Bunts Bypass also becoming a master of the Demolition Hammer. When Chris is not covering the back of a passenger train he's taking care of the Station switches of covering the four-track crossing.



Dan Williams

Dan joined RLS in 2014 and has been a big asset to the track maintenance crews. Dan brought with him a wealth of experience from the Chula Vista Live Steamers. Not one to shy away from a Work Day, Dan has been ready to volunteer, most recently to give a presentation on riding scale live steam and RLS at community outreach project in Riverside.



Bill Hesse

Bill started at RLS in 2003. He is one of the Clubs Hunter Engineers, a Brakeman, past President, past Secretary and past Compound Supervisor. Currently Bill is our Signal and Security boss. Bill has done a lot to spread the hobby of live steam and model engineering to the general public as well as helping out junior members by giving them some "seat time" on his personal locomotive.



Brook Adams

Joined in 2001, currently a Club Hunter Engineer, Brakeman, assistant to the Chronicle Editor and RLS Car Foreman. Past Club Secretary and Compound Supervisor. Spends a fair amount of time reminding people that this is a hobby.

# President's Remarks

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## Brian Stephens

The newly revised RLS Rules Book is back from the printer and you will receive a copy of the lime green colored booklet in your annual membership renewal letter. Additional copies are available for \$5.00 each and they will also be posted on our web site. Each member is responsible for safety, making sure we all follow the rules, and having a copy (printed or electronic) with them during operations.

Remember a little courtesy around the steaming bays and transfer tables goes a long way in making everyone's day; returning water hoses to their holders and depositing empty water bottles and soda cans in the proper recycle bins will make the day of the folks who clean up after Run Days and provide additional income to our club.

We look forward to seeing more of our members at both the Fun and Run Days this fall as we enjoy the cooler weather and start some new projects around the compound. Please plan on joining us at the Fall Meet on October 20 -22, 2017 and mark your calendars for our annual dinner on February 3, 2018.

Thanks to Brad Bluth, Rich Casford, and Richard Ronne we have had more than one passenger train in service on most run days. Please think about volunteering to serve on the 2018 Board of Directors and how you can help RLS continue to grow and improve in the coming year.

See you at the Railroad

## Along the Track

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### Rich Casford, Road 2

Well the Roadmaster was gone so the track crew turned into the Train Crew and operated the Railroad in September! As they say, "While the Roadmaster gone Let's Run Trains!" Looks like a grand time was had by all with long trains, double headers and no track work!!!

SO....we played last month, this month is the final Fun (work) Day before the Fall Meet. Saturday October 14th will be the Fun (work) Day. We need a good turn out in the morning as many of us will be attending the memorial service in the afternoon on Saturday (14th) for our long time Work Day Camp Cook Curtis Claybrook.

This is a housekeeping work day as no major projects but we want everything ready to go for our guests on the following weekend of October 20, 21 and 22, 2017. Free breakfast on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd cooked by the O'Guinn Family in honor of Past President Kenny O'Guinn and his lovely wife Rose.

Also in the coming week you will be receiving your new July 2017 Safety Rule book in the mail. 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 will be a highlight sheet with the rule book showing the updated rules for safe operation.

Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday October 14th for our next schedule Fun (Work) Day at the Riverside Live Steamers.

## The Safety Minute...

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### Dave Bunts, Safety Supervisor

Today's safety minute isn't going to mention one rule. Not one. Today's little missive is about situational awareness. Fighter pilots know that one needs to be aware of the world around them during battle, it's too easy to get laser focus on what is right in front of us and ignore what's going on around, and in that case, it's too easy to get killed by something that you didn't even realize was there.

In our hobby we have to do two things at the same time, we get to be both fireman and engineer. In the full size trains, the fireman worries about the water and the fire and boiler pressure and the engineer worries about the safe operation of his train and the timetable. (I know - there are small industrial steam engines with a one man [woman/individual person/gender non-specific person, fit in which ever you like, I really don't want to offend anyone as I write this. But that may change after I send it, who knows?] cab, but I'm not here to argue crew size in the prototype.)

We had a couple of incidents of near crashes last run day, the folks involved know who they are, and both of them were the result of having their heads down and not being aware of the world around them. We ALL need to pay attention to the world on the rails. Kids, dogs, balls from the playground, other trains (haven't seen a zombie yet, but this IS California after all) are all out there, and we are responsible to make sure we don't run them over. We can write all the rules in the world, but it boils down to the engineer and crew of the train to make sure we are safe. Pay attention out there, just looking around is the best start to being safe ever.





**RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS  
2017 FALL MEET BREAKFAST MENU**

**Sat & Sun 7 am. to 9 am.**

**STEAMING HOT EGGS COOKED TO ORDER**

**HOT BOX BACON**

**HOG HEAD SAUSAGE**

**GOLDEN STATE HASH BROWNS**

**ROUNDHOUSE PANCAKES (SAT. ONLY)**

**FLAGMANS FRENCH TOAST (SUN. ONLY)**

**YARD SHANTY COFFE, O.J., MILK**

**CHEF JOHN O'GUINN WITH MARY AND PATRICK  
O'GUINN**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF KENNETH & ROSE O'GUINN**

# Mewtwo Visits RLS

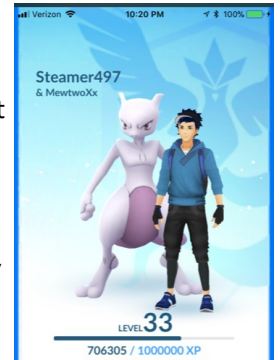
## Bill Hesse

If you've ever played the popular game of Pokemon GO, you'll recognize Mewtwo as the rarest, and one of the most powerful prizes in the game. If not, you're probably wondering what this odd looking pussycat has to do with RLS.

The object of the game is to visit places like parks, malls, museums, and historic landmarks to hunt down, battle, and capture a menagerie of strange look creatures called Pokemon, using a game App on a cell phone. Hunter park is one of the most popular hunting grounds, with a great number of the little critters popping up around the station, play ground, and full size crossing signals. Pokemon players are easily recognized as they wander around staring at their cell phones.

Up until August, the Pokemon named Mewtwo had never been seen anywhere in the world. Appearing first in Tokyo, Japan, the elusive critter then made its first U.S appearance in San Francisco and then Riverside CA. Making its first appearance at the Tyler Galleria, this distinguished visitor then traveled to Riverside's most historic landmark, the RLS Caboose! The caboose may be gone, but the location and a brief description of RLS still pops up whenever a player visits the park.

To even have a shot at capturing Mewtwo, players had to receive a personal invitation that was only sent to select players who had previously won battles at the Caboose. About 40 people received the invitation for a one hour event on Saturday September 30th. An RLS member was on hand to give a brief introduction on the history of Hunter Park and the Riverside Live Steamers. All were invited to ride the trains on Sunday, and at least two expressed an interest in club membership. At precisely noon, the battle commenced, with everyone frantically tapping on their cell phones in an attempt to bring down this powerful foe. One of the big winners was a guy with the screen name of "Steamer497" whoever that is.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**October 8th:** Runday (East Outerloop)

**October 14th:** Workday

**October 20-21st:** Fall Meet

**October 22nd:** Runday (East Fig-8)

**November 12th:** Runday (West Outerloop)

**November 18th:** Workday

**November 26th:** Runday (West Fig-8)

**December 10th:** Runday (East Outerloop)

**December 16th:** Workday

**December 24:** TBD

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

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