
THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

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Fallen Flag

Ralph Hougesen

RLS Member since 1987

"It's amazing the things you realize when you lose someone: you get mad at yourself for not saying the things you could've a million times, you take for granted the days spent doing nothing when you could have been with them. Anyone can be taken, at any time in our lives, but we always wait until they're gone to say the things we never had the courage to before."

-Melody Carlson

Your Board Candidates So Far...

And a message from your editor

Dear Membership,

Its that time of year again! Its time to decide who will have the wonderful opportunity to participate as a member of the Board of Directors! We have several volunteers already that will be on the ballot coming to your mailbox this November. These lovely people are:

- Dave Bunts
- Jim Kreider
- Richard Ronne
- Scott Horgan

If you feel up to the fulfilling challenge of being on the Board please alert your nearest current Board Member and they'll gleefully write your name down!

On a side note:

I've received many chronicle submissions from you and I can't thank you enough! However, sometimes the Chron runs a little slim and it would be great to have a constant flow of filler. If you have anything you'd like to see in the Chron such as a recipe, interesting article you wrote, an ad for something for sale, or even a picture from a runday or workday email myself at ghostpublicist@gmail.com or email it to Joan Adams/Brook Adams at [toshimouse@roadrunner.com/](mailto:toshimouse@roadrunner.com)
amouse13@roadrunner.com and they'll forward it my way.

Work Day Recap: September 17th, 2016

Rich Casford, Roadmaster

Saturday, September 17th dawned clear and bright as the RLS construction crew arrived at the Railroad. Our main focus of the day was the continued construction of the Escape Track Project from the South Engine Lead to the North Fuel Track in Allen's Valley yard.

A project of this size requires lots of planning, permission from the City of Riverside Parks Department, help from outside contractors and the most important part ...solid support of the members of the Riverside Live Steamers.



Saturday's schedule called for a backhoe to dig the trench for the track from the new gate to the switch on the North Fuel Track. Little did anyone know how hard that dirt was going to be!!

As we waited for the Backhoe to be delivered, the track crew was dispatched to the Big Pine area on the straightaway to take care of some heat related sun kinks. Other members of the track crew were building track panels on the newly remodeled track board that Richard Ronne built. The Track Board was designed for the trestle track panels, then reconfigured to build standard track panels.

New Member Bob Chamberlain arrived on scene with his tractor for moving ballast and



dirt. With both tractors working we made slow progress on the track trench. The dirt in this area of Hunter Park is like concrete.

While the crews and tractors were pounding on the dirt, Larry Jongerius was quietly working away on the diamond crossover at the other end of the trestle works and the South Engine Lead. This amazing piece of engineering is a sight to behold. Larry and Dave Bunts have been working on the crossover for several weeks and by the end of the day we are now ready for track installation.



Lunch was provided by Presidential Chef Mike Gardner and a short board meeting was held at 1:00PM while most of the work crew returned to the dirt work on the south end. We had 31 members out during the morning session. 15 members remained until we blew the 3:00 PM whistle! Our new weather station said it was 95' when we called it quits.

We started the planning process for this project in October, 2014. As you can see by the photos we are quickly coming to the end of project. Basic track laying and ballast is all that is left to do. Special thanks go to Bill Hesse for opening up the compound for ballast delivery, Josh Klenske for getting the ballast donated, Brian Stephens for waiting almost all day Monday for the

backhoe pick up to be made and Richard Ronne for remodeling the track board for new panels. Tip of the hat to our engineering department of Dave Bunts and Larry Jongerius who's work behind and in front of this project keeps us moving forward.

We are planning a special work day on Saturday, October 1st to finish the south end of the new track. Come out and enjoy the fun as we get closer to completing the Escape Track Project.



Your Home Away From Home

By Gary Mocko

Since I have a good distance (99 miles) to travel when I attend RLS events at Hunter Park, I have worked out a deal with the Comfort Inn (1590 University Ave, Riverside) for a rate of \$65 per night, valid anytime there is a room available. The best part about this rate is that it is open to anyone who is visiting the area, as long as the trip is related to RLS club activity. The one caveat is that reservations must be made with the hotel itself (951-683-6000), not the website (Choice Hotels is their parent company). For those who participate in the Choice Hotels point program, or their partnership with frequent flyer programs, these stays will be credited.

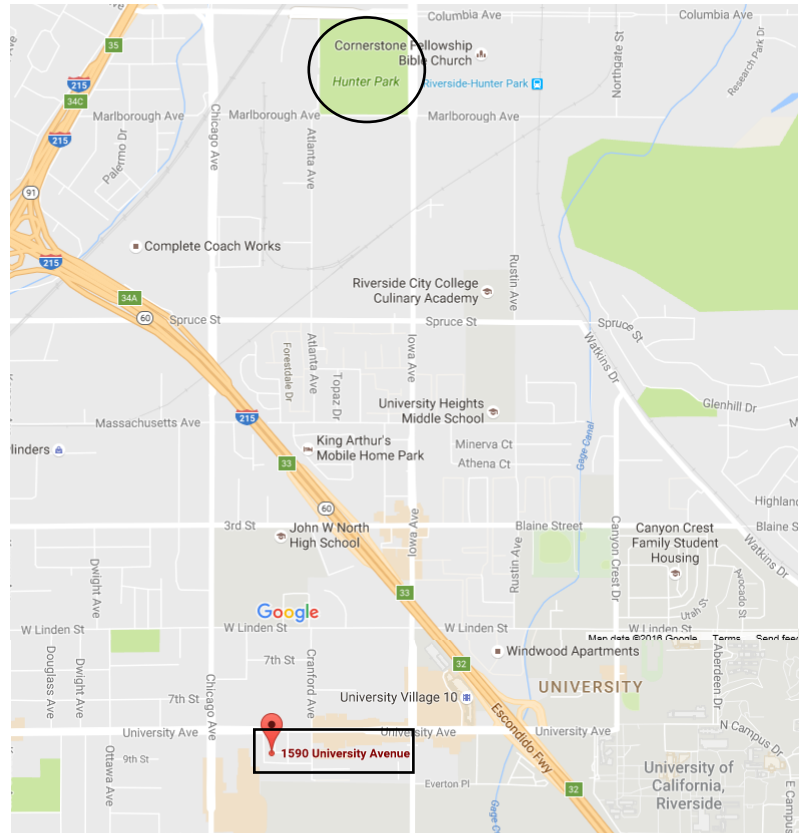
Again, the rate is available only if a room is available, so the more notice you can give them, the better. I have run into sold-out weekends as they do host a lot of small conferences, tour groups, and are conveniently located close to the University. Generally I make reservations for run weekends and meets several weeks in advance and have little problem reserving those dates. I also try to give them as much advanced notice as possible of a cancellation, but their policy is extremely generous as

you can cancel up until 5pm the day you are scheduled to arrive.

I wouldn't call the Comfort Inn a 5-star hotel, but it is a solid 3.5. The rooms are clean & the staff is friendly.

There is free Wi-Fi, HBO & Cinemax, a small fridge & microwave in the rooms, quite a nice free breakfast (eggs, sausage, pancakes, waffles, fruit, muffins, juice, etc...) and coffee, tea & water available 24/7 in the lobby. There is also a small swimming pool which is a much nicer way to end a hot Sunday run-day verses a 2-hour drive home.

Just 2.5 miles from Hunter Park, with many good restaurants along Iowa and University, it's a great deal that can save you quite a few \$\$ over last minute hotel rates in the area.



IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 9th: Runday (East/ Outerloop)

Oct 15th: Workday

Oct 21st-22nd: Fall Meet

Oct 23rd: Runday (East/ Fig-8)

Nov 13th: Runday (West/ Outerloop)

Nov 19th: Workday

Nov 27th: Runday (West/ Fig-8)

Dec. 3rd: Bi-directional Day Run

January 28th, 2017:
Annual Dinner

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