

THE RLS CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



June 2019



May 12th the U.P. 4014 "Big Boy" was headed toward Evanston Wyoming celebrating 150 years of the Union Pacific Railroad.

That same day, the R.L.S. Big Boy was at the station ready for passengers
(Photo by Tiffany Love)

"If you understand the physics of how a locomotive works, that knowledge is irreplaceable"

- Jamie S. Miller



President's Words Of Wisdom -

I've been away from the railroad for a while. For those who haven't heard, I came down with a bad case of stupid in early April and used a brush trimmer to break both bones in my left leg.

While I may have been in the garden, rather than the machine shop, it reminds us that we should treat every piece of power equipment with respect. Double check your setup, and consider which way the parts are going to fly if something comes loose. Broken cutters invariably fly toward the operator.

I want to thank everyone who called, sent cards, or took the time to visit while I was in the hospital and nursing home. In particular, the team of John Gurwell, Bob Roberts, and Chris Neiman who took the time to build a temporary wheel chair ramp in to my house so I could escape from the nursing facility and move back home.

Meanwhile, back at the railroad, Tiffany Love, our first term vice president not only had to organize her first meet, but had to sit in as president pro-tem for the April meeting. As always, members stepped forward to help out with the myriad of small jobs that it takes to prepare the compound and track for the meet. Though I only got to the railroad for a few short hours each day, everything looked like it was running smoothly.

Once again, the O'Guinn family saw to it that all our members and visitors were well fed each morning. From everything I heard, everyone had a fine time with very few track problems. From the OS report, we had one of the largest turnouts we've had in many years, with over 150 members and guests in attendance over the 3 day period.

If you haven't had a chance to look at the new web pages, our IT manager, Kevin Zamp has been experimenting with various formats, building photo albums, and setting up a members only area. If you have any pictures you'd like added, or have ideas for the web page, I'm sure he'd be happy to hear from you. Since it's going to be a few months before I'm allowed to climb ladders or fall off the roof, I'm also looking for a volunteer to upgrade some of our network cameras.

See you all at the railroad...

- *Bill Hesse*

NIGHT RUN June 29th

Our first Night Run of 2019 will be June 29th. If you haven't made it out to a Night Run you are missing out on a unique live steam railroading experience ! Just a reminder that this is for RLS Members and their guests only, there is no public passenger service on these events.

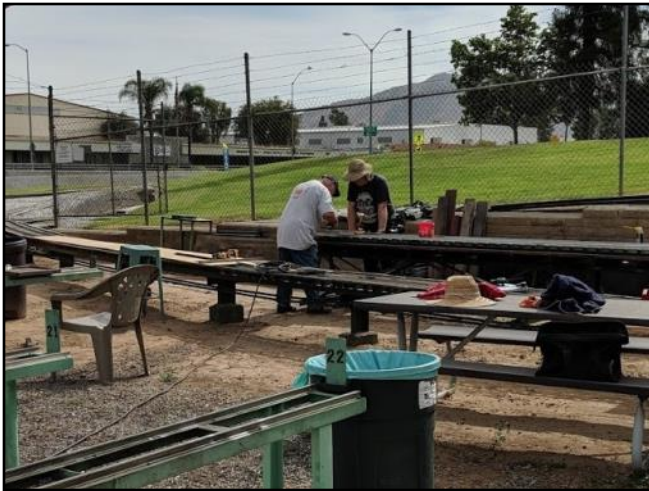


Along The Tracks - Rich Casford, Road 2



May brought the annual clean up of the compound before our Fire Department inspection. This requires clean up of all oil between the storage bay tracks, placing all bottles of liquid

in properly identified containers, weed abatement and general safety checking of all buildings and storage containers. We are all set of the inspection at the end of the month.



Work did continue on future and routine projects. Richard Ronne, Kevin Zamp and Steve Boucher built a new switch for Allen Valley replacement program. Car Foreman Brook Adams did maintenance on club gondolas. Superintendent of Motive Power Dave Bunts worked on the Hunter lubricator that had given the engineers a problem the last Run Day. Chris Newman, Tom Lebs and Matt Ruff cleaned up the remaining weeds in the compound.

Kevin Zamp was the chef for the (Very Good!) lunch at noon and it was exciting to see President Bill Hesse out at the property to run the Board Meeting at 1:00PM.

We say all the time that Fun (work) days are some of the best times at RLS! Plan now to join us in June. The next work day will be June 15th, 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 on the railroad,

- Road 2



May 12th Run Day

Our Run Day on the 12th saw a break in the clouds and showers that we have had this Spring. Bob Roberts started the day out on the Hunter engine with Mathew Ruff and Richard Ronne helping out in passenger service. Due to a lubricator issue the Hunter engine, The Big Boy 4-8-4 was fired up and put into passenger service.



Canberra Rhorbach (pictured above) covering Hunter train Brakeman duties.



Richard Ronne taking a turn as Brakeman on his train.



The Big Boy pulling passengers out of Allen's Valley

R.L.S. City Luncheon - June 4th

Members, if you are available to help out and participate with the City Luncheon on Tuesday June 4th please let Rich Casford know. Our lunch is Noon at the Big Picnic Shelter by the station. Contact Rich at rich@wmp.net

CALENDAR PHOTOS FOR JUNE....

Upper left: Past President Doc Creighton kneeling looking on as trackworkers repair switch at the old Iowa siding. You can see the tunnel portal behind the track worker in the distance.



Upper Right: Jim & Esther Keith & Lucille & John Keith. The Keith Brothers engineered and built many items for RLS over the years.

Lower Left: Activity in Allen's Valley before the expansion of Allen's Valley Yard to the left of the photo. 1" tracks are the three on the right with the 1" yard lead curving back to the compound. Bunts By-Pass track built on right of way of the old one inch. Allen's Valley was named after long time 1" engineer Carl Allen.

Lower Right: Old Columbia Station action, Station Master Glenn Maness in white shirt, Greg Ratliff on a passenger train Track One, Hunter on Track Two unloading the public. Track pattern in station changed three times during the period of use.



RLS Run Day Direction

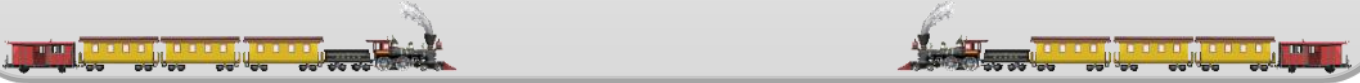
The direction of travel for a given Riverside Live Steamers Run Day is determined by the month the Run Day falls in. Even numbered months; February - April - June - August - October and December are Eastbound as you travel through Columbia Yard. January - March - May - July - September and November are Westbound through Columbia Yard.

RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

SAFETY RULES

Rule #221

Trains approaching any crossover shall yield to the train on the right.



**Thanks to Tiffany Love, 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

Upcoming Important Dates

June 9th: Run Day (Eastbound Outside Loop)	June 23rd: Run Day (Eastbound Figure Eight)
June 4th: City Lunch	June 29th: Night Run
June 15th: Fun/Work Day	July 14th: Run Day (Westbound Outside Loop)

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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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