

THE RLS CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



August 2019



Getting ready to hit the rails in the morning and beat the heat, Steve Borchert fires his 2-6-2 "Prairie" With wife Peggy and Maggie the pooch looking on.

LIVE STEAM MODEL RAILROADING, "IT'S A HOBBY ..."



President's Words Of Wisdom -

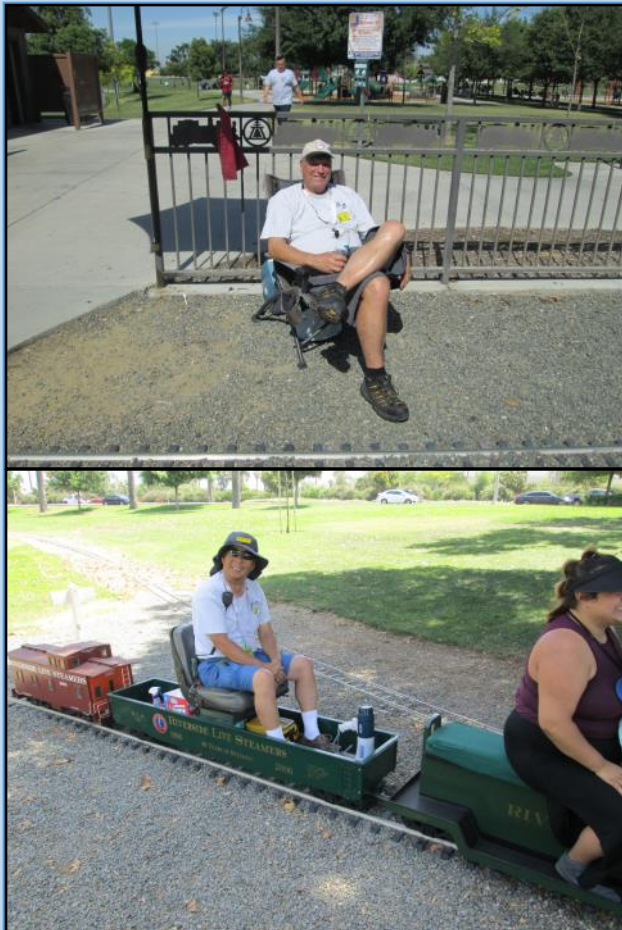
I hope you all have been enjoying your summer vacations, family visits, and spending time with your friends at RLS. We had a very large member turnout for our first two night runs this summer, including dinners organized by Randy Chase and John Gurwell. In the family spirit of RLS Randy and John provided hamburgers and hot dogs at their own expense for everyone in attendance on June 29th. Then on July 6th John organized a potluck dinner. Thank you, gentleman! If you missed out on the fun, there is still one more opportunity to join us this summer on September 28th. Please contact John Gurwell to see what you can bring to the potluck.

Have you been to the RLS web site recently? Thanks to Kevin Zamp for redoing the site and providing an overview and site visitor information at the July meeting after serving as camp cook for the fourth month in a row. We are always looking for camp cooks to help feed the members at our monthly workdays. This could be your opportunity to serve and the club will cover your expenses.

The Summer heat in Riverside is an acquired taste; so, don't forget to hydrate, apply sunscreen, and pace yourself this summer while you enjoy the railroad; and please remember to keep our injured members Warren Peterson and Bill Hesse in your thoughts and prayers.

Safety first, second, third, and always,

- *Brian Stephens*



July 28th Run Day

Chris Enright provided these shots of the July 28th Run Day.

To the Left: Covering the four track crossing is Marty Berg.

In the lower left corner: Ken Mitoma keeps an eye on the Hunter train.

Below: Glenn Maness take a break from his Station Master duties to enjoy a day riding the rails.





Along The Tracks - Rich Casford, Road 2

July work day had a small but hardy crew out to continue maintenance at the Railroad.

With a small track gang of 4 RLS members, track #3 in Columbia yard from the East end down through the engine lead was aligned and leveled. While on the engine lead the track gang found 20 feet of rail that had been damaged by a vehicle driving over it, so it was replaced with new rail. Track Gang were Brian Stephens, Matt Ruff, Dan Williams, Pat

O'Guinn

We also installed a new gate latch made by Tom Lebs and welded in place by John Gurwell to prevent the south engine lead gate from swinging over the engine lead. Please use the yellow painted latch on the gate with opening and closing.

In the compound, SMP Dave Bunts did maintenance work on the Hunter oil burner, steamed up the engine and steamed cleaned the running gear. ASMP Dave Lazarus installed a new air brake gauge on the Big Boy. Car Repair Foreman Brook Adams ran another car through the PM program for the RLS gondola fleet.

The Roadmaster pushed the blower car around the figure 8 Mainline in preparation for Sunday's Run Day. Completing the mainline, the Roadmaster moved to the weed car and sprayed Bunts By-Pass Track and David's yard trackage. Pat O'Guinn used his weed eater for other weeds in the compound and Allen's Valley.

Speaking of weeds, the City contract landscape company has been given permission to start spraying the weeds again on the mainline with a suitable weed product.

Richard Ronne and Kevin Zamp worked on switch springs and servicing switches across the railroad. Those two also were Camp Cooks for the day and provided a great lunch to the workers at Noon.

Board meeting started right on time at 1:00PM with President Brian Stephens in charge! It was good to see Bill Hesse out for the day thanks to his Uber driver Bob Beard. Ron Wilkerson, Tim Wheeler, George Bartlow, Glenn Maness were also on site for the day.

Here is your chance to shine! The Roadmaster will be out of town on Saturday, August 17, 2019 FUN (work) DAY. If you have a project, come on out that day and get it done. **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.

Club T Shirts: We still have a few Club T Shirts for sale: 1-XL Regular; 3-XL Regular; 1-2XL Tall Long Sleeve. Contact the Roadmaster rich@wmp.net or (575) 756-4413 if you are interested in another shirt.

See you on the railroad,

- Road 2

Are you good with a spatula, do you know your way around a griddle?



We are looking for Club Members to help out at the Fall Meet breakfasts. If you are interested please let Fall Meet Chair Tiffany Love know.



NIGHT SHIFT

NIGHT RUN

September 28th

Our last Night Run of 2019 will be September 28th.

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.

John Gurwell wanted to thank everyone that made it out to the last Night Run, 25 Members 20 guest 12 plus dishes more food than what we needed, folks ran till 1:10am, it was a really good run. Thanks to all the members for their support and contribution.

Tiffany Love will be O.S., John Gurwell will be overseeing the Pot Luck, if you are planning to come out let them know.

Remember - There is no public passenger service on these events.

WATER TREATMENT IS BACK IN STOCK!

A new batch of boiler water treatment is in.

There has been a price increase from the vendor so a bottle of treatment is now \$13.00.

Contact Rich or any Board Member and get your now!



MEMBERS!

If you are interested in volunteering to setup and man an R.L.S. display at the Rail Giants Facilities at the Los Angeles County Fair August 7/8, August 14/15, and August 21/22, please contact Jim Kreider at: nkp765@aol.com to let him know and get more details.

They are going fast.....

DID YOU MISS ORDERING YOUR CLUB T SHIRT? OR DID YOU ALREADY SPILL STEAM OIL ON YOUR SHIRT?

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August Calendar Faces...

Were you wondering who they are?

Upper Left- Gus Farwick on Ron Wilkerson's 2-8-2

Upper Right – Compound Supervisor and Hunter Engine Bob Roberts

Lower Left – Road 2 Rich Casford on the Casford's first Allen Mogul (can you guess his age?)

Lower Right – Tom Minerich, Road 2 and John Noble installing RR Ties at the old summit siding.



RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS SAFETY RULES

Rule #411

Blowing down of boilers must be done outside the steaming area, and away from any personnel or structures that may be damaged by steam and/or hot water.



Great Train Show - Pomona, CA

August 10-11, 2019 - 10am-4pm

Fairplex
1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA 91768
Show in Building 7
Enter at Gate TBA

Onsite Adult Admission is \$10.00 on Saturday – Good for BOTH DAYS!
\$9.00 on Sunday
Kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket.
On site admission is CASH only.

Thanks to Chris Nieman, Brain Stephens and Rich Casford, 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

Aug 11th: Run Day (Eastbound Outside Loop)	Sept 8th: Run Day (Westbound Outside Loop)
Aug 17th: Fun/Work Day	Sept 14th: Fun/Work Day
Aug 25th: Run Day (Eastbound Figure 8)	Sept 22nd: Run Day (Westbound Figure 8)

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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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