

# THE RLS CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



October 2019



**“For the Love of Steam”**

**Above is a shot from in the Compound at the 2009 Fall Meet. O.S. Dave Parrott is keeping a watchful eye of the steaming bays.**

**R.L.S. 2019 Fall Meet October 25, 26 and 27**





## **President's Words Of Wisdom -**

Our September 28<sup>th</sup> Night Run was a huge success and a tasty dinner and desert was enjoyed by the many members and guests that attended. Although forecasted, there was no rain and everyone had a good time with friends and family at the railroad. Thanks to everyone who brought items for the potluck.

A big RLS Thank You is extended to the dedicated group of members who braved the summer heat to operate and maintain the railroad and facilities this summer. We hope to see more of our membership join us on Fun and Run Days now that fall is here, and don't forget the Fall Meet – October 25-27. Please plan to join us for breakfast, and a potluck dinner on Saturday night.

See you at the Railroad,

*- Brian Stephens*

# **THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS FALL MEET OCTOBER 25TH 26TH AND 27TH**

Come out to see old friends, meet new ones and enjoy the fellowship of our Live Steam hobby!!

The RLS Fall Meet starts Friday October 25th and includes the Sunday Run Day on October 27th. Free Breakfast served Saturday and Sunday. This years meet will include a Potluck on Saturday night. If you wish to participate in the Pot Luck contact John Gurwell and let him know.





## Along The Tracks - Rich Casford, Road 2

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The Roadmaster was out of town for the September 21st Workday but the hardy crew of RLS members continued to improve the facilities without him!

Our next Fun(work) Day will be Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the most important workdays at RLS as we prepare for our visitors at the Fall Meet the following weekend.

Plan now to join us that day to get ready for our guests. We have a couple of small alignment issues to take care of out on the mainline. Compound clean up always is important but especially on the meet weekends. Just like at home when company arrives you want to have your place looking nice!!

Speaking of the Fall Meet, we all like to operate our engines and trains but we also need to remember that Vice President & Meet Chair Tiffany Love can not handle all the duties by herself. Step up and volunteer as switch tenders in Allen's Valley, hoist operators for visiting equipment unloading and loading.

Remember as a regular operating member of RLS, we all know the safety rules (right??) so help the visitors understand that when you open a switch for a siding, you need to close the switch after passing through. We want everyone to have a good time and remember **Rule #1 SAFETY FIRST!**

Lunch will be served at noon and the Board meeting will begin at 1:00PM. All are welcome. See you all on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

Final nominations for new board members elections will be accepted at the Board Meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Ballots will be mailed to all regular members. Ballots must be mailed to Post Office Box prior to the November 18, 2019 Board Meeting. No walk-in ballots are allowed.

See you at the track,

- Road 2

### **Fall Meet Help:**

We are looking for Club Members to help out at the Fall Meet tending switches, assisting Guests, manning the hoist and to help out for the breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday.

If you are interested in helping out contact Fall Meet Chair Tiffany Love and let her know.



## RLS Run Day 9-8-19



The Run Day started out cool and cloudy, Operating Superintendent Brian Stephens had the place ready to go by 8:30am with Tom Lebbs clearing the railroad and setting the switches. Bob Roberts showed up early to get the Hunter hoisted and fired up for the day.

Running in Birthday Service were Matt Ruff and Kevin Zamp on Richard Ronne's 4-6-2.

Station Master Glenn Maness was assisted at the station platform by Tiffany Love and John Gurwell. The four track crossing was covered by Marty Berg, Chris Neiman took care of the station switches in the morning. Brook Adams started the day as Hunter engineer with Ken Long as Hunter Brakeman. Scott Horgan took over the throttle at noon with Chris and Ken exchanging Brakeman and station switch tending duties. Micah Carrier helped out with Brakeman duties in the afternoon.



Out on the railroad were Charlie Kennemer, Doug Sifter and Paul Quick. Covering the Yard Master duties in Allen's Valley was Pat O'Guinn.

Clouds moved out by 12:00pm with 84 degrees in the afternoon which topped out at 86 degrees at 2:50pm

Once again proving there's always something to do on the railroad Bob Roberts lent a hand (with some supervision) to help troubleshoot the crossing signal.



## Fun/Work Day 9-14-19

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With our Road Master out of town and a predicted high of 105 we had a light turn out for the work day of the 14th, even so those that did show up took care of business!

Taking advantage of the cooler morning general Compound cleaning and weed harassment was performed by Ken Adamson, Dan Williams and Chris Neiman.

Unleashing his inner Rembrandt, President Brian Stephens uniformly painted over some graffiti on the park side of Barney's Barn.

A switch crew of Richard Ronne, Kevin Zamp and Matt Ruff re-sprung all of the switch mechanisms in Columbia Yard. Out on the railroad as well were Dan Williams and Brian Stephens addressing the rail joiners at the signal. And speaking of the signal, Bill Hesse and Bob Beard worked on electrical and electronics of the crossing signal.

Thanks to everyone that came out and helped!

## Night Run 9-28-19

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As mentioned by President Stephens the final Night Run of 2019 was a big success! Thanks to Operating Superintendent Tiffany Love for overseeing the event. About 50 attendees showed with trains hitting the railroad around 5:00pm and running past 1:00am. John Gurwell thanks everyone that participated in the Pot Luck and showed up for the Night Run.

Due to the Leap year next year there may be few summer Night Run Saturday's for the Board to choose from so watch the Chronical for more information.



### Calendar Who is That??

Upper Left: Gus Farwick on Ron Wilkerson 2-8-2

Upper Right: Famous conductors Josh Klenske and Ken Long



Lower Left: Conductor Chris Newman

Lower Right: Tom Lawson on his 2-8-4 with Noble/Quick building in the background

Road 2



## RLS Run Day 9-22-19

R.L.S. Past President and current Station Master Glenn Maness, donned the hat of Operating Superintendent for our September 22nd Run Day. Once the "PayMasters Box" was located and opened (donut box) the Run Day got under way!

Tom Lebbs cleared the track and set the switches first thing in the morning as our SMP Dave Bunts continued his in-service training of Tiffany Love and Ken Long on the operations of the Hunter locomotive.

At Hunter Station Marty Berg took on the duties of Station Master while Chris Neiman manned the flags at the four track crossing. John Gurwell was ever ready with the re-rail cart and Ken Long handled the station yard switches.

Tiffany love's training continued in the first hour of the Run Day as she was at the throttle of the Hunter getting experience pulling public on the figure eight. Bob Roberts took care of the first Hunter Brakeman shift. Bob took over for Tiffany and Scott Horgan covered the rear of the Hunter train as Brakeman.

Second passenger train service was taken care of by Richard Ronne, Matt Ruff and Kevin Zamp. The afternoon Hunter train was manned by Brook Adams and Brakeman Ken Long. Freight service on the railroad was light but well represented by Ken Adamson running his Mogul and Tom Brody, Bob Chamberlain and Richard Miller running Tom's 2-6-0. Brian Stephen had his loco out on the steaming bay for maintenance .

Out enjoying the day were Bob Beard, Ron Wilkerson Charlie Kennemer Doug Sifter, Jim Kreider and his sister Patty and of course, Jake the Dog.



# 2019 - 2020 RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Nominations for the four upcoming Board of Director vacancies were officially opened in last September's Board meeting.

We already ready have five club members that have accepted the nominations, if you are interested in seeing first hand the operations of our Club and railroad and to help guide the future of R.L.S. please let any Board member know that you are interested.

The Nomination process closes at the October 19th Board of Directors meeting so ballots can be mailed out and returned by the November 16th Board Meeting.

Below are the nominee's so far in no particular order:



Kevin Zamp - Member since 2018, Club Webmaster, Brakeman



Dave Bunts - Member since 1996, Past President and Board Member, current SMP, Safety Supervisor and Project Manager, Hunter Engineer and Brakeman



John Gurwell - Member since 2012, Past and current Board Member, Hunter Engineer and Brakeman



Chris Neiman - Member since 2016, Hunter Engineer and Brakeman



Rich Casford - Member since 1970, Past President and Board Member, RoadMaster and City Liaison, Hunter Engineer and Brakeman



**1:1 scale - The UP Big Boy** number 4014 will be making it's way into California this month starting October 8th. For information on locations and viewing check out their schedule webpage at:

<https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm>

The **Los Angeles Model Railroad Society** is having an Open House Saturday OCTOBER 12th & Sunday 13th from 10am to 4pm both days. Admission is free. Donations accepted. A Swap meet will run only on Saturday 10 am to 3:30 pm for more info you can go to their webpage:

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

**Thanks to Chris Nieman, Brain Stephens, Joan Adams, George Bartlow 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](mailto:rockwreckrr@roadrunner.com)

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## Upcoming Important Dates

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Oct 13th: Run Day (Eastbound Outside Loop)	Nov 10th, Run Day (Westbound Outside Loop)
Oct 19th: Fun/Work Day	Nov 16th: Fun/Work Day - RLS Election
Oct 25, 26 & 27: Fall Meet	Nov 24th: Run Day (Westbound Figure Eight)

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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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## Riverside Live Steamers 2018-2019 Board of Directors

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### Officers

**President:** Brian Stephens

**Vice President:** Tiffany Love

**Treasurer:** Joan Adams

**Secretary:** Brook Adams

### Directors

Glenn Maness

John Gurwell

Bob Roberts

Ken Mitoma