

THE RLS CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Here's wishing all RLS Members, family and friends
a safe, happy and prosperous 2020.





President's Words Of Wisdom

Happy new year! This is the beginning of the next chapter in our collective lives as live steamers, every day brings challenges and rewards, pain and joy. We can (if you wish) draw similarities between life and our time at RLS. RLS brings a period of camaraderie in the mornings as we eat donuts and tend to the needs of our sleeping iron steeds – those cold, cruel mistresses that we all claim are “fun”. After the fires are lit, and the beast comes to life we head out of the compound to operate and put miles on the wheels, using coal, oil or (shudder) propane to boil the water that feeds the throttle, oil to lubricate the moving parts, and replenishing as we go. At the end of the day, people begin to come back to the compound and regale one another with tales of triumph of defeat during the run. Life is a lot like that – we start with friends and family, go out into the world and do whatever we need to do to make life go by, then end the day back with those that we are close to re-live the day, learn from it in the quiet surrounded by those we care for, and start all over again when the sun comes up the next day.

All this scribbling is nothing more than my understanding of what keeps me going, and with the new year beginning, there are things that I wouldn't repeat from last year if you paid me, things I would do over and over, even if I had to pay for it, and the joys of having friends around while I did it all. I consider the folks at RLS to be folks I want to spend time with and look forward to yet another great year at RLS. I hope you feel the same. - *David Bunts*

RLS Annual Dinner

For those of you who brave the general meetings that are held after lunch on our work days, you are aware of the continuing debate over the annual dinner. We have traditionally held a dinner at a “nice place” meaning it isn't fast food while we are all wearing greasy smoky clothes.

The last couple of years the dinner has been held at Hidden Hills Country Club on a Saturday night early in January. There are some of the board members and others in the membership that find that location and time of year to be far more trouble than it's worth. We have tried a less formal location but found it to be less than conducive to social interaction and (as Jethro Bodine so aptly put) “speech-i-fying”. The food was fine, and the price was less expensive than the country club dinners, but it wasn't ideal. A suggestion has been made for NEXT year to move the location. A suggestion has been made to move the time to a lunch-ish time frame. There is even the suggestion to move the whole thing to later in the year when the craziness of the holidays is behind us. The annual feed is good time to meet a member and his/her entire family, or at least as many of the family they wish to subject to the rest of us. It is also the time we recognize those members who have gone above and beyond for the benefit of the organization.

This is a railroad club more than anything, and we all have some affection for the place, otherwise we wouldn't keep coming. It is also a place that we come to be around like-minded folks – all of us bring something to the table in the pursuit of playing with our trains. It is also a social club to some degree, and we occasionally need to recognize that. The annual feed is the most organized of that social side of RLS, the potlucks that John Gurwell has organized during the members only runs (and the last meet) are an informal version of the same thing.

With all that said, what do you - the membership – want; lunch, formal dinner, later in the year, early in the year? The choice belongs to you; not the Board of Directors. The board will handle the details, YOU tell us what you want. The only caveat is we need to know in the next 6 weeks or so to begin the booking process to guarantee a location that meets our needs. Let one of the BoD know your thoughts. Even better, come to the general meeting after lunch on the work days.

- *David Bunts*



Dues are Due!!

If you have not paid them yet your membership dues are over due January 1st .
\$50.00 for Regular Members, \$25.00 for Non-Resident Members and \$15.00 for Junior Members.

Get 'em in!

RLS Run Day 12-8-19



Operating Superintendent Bob Roberts
Rain all around Southern California and the ever present threat.
With two passenger trains and one freight train we managed a passenger count of 108.

Showers came late in the day and with no passengers at the stations O.S. Roberts closed down the railroad at 12:55PM



Members - If you haven't done so yet be sure to get you 2020 Roster Information sheet mailed in ASAP!

Roster Information can be mailed to: Riverside Live Steamers, Inc., P.O. Box 5512, Riverside, CA, 92518

RLS Run Day 12-22-19



Operating Superintendent of the day was Joan Adams.

In the week leading up to Sunday there had been a threat of rain for the Run Day, but as the day approached the rain moved on to Monday.

Past Vice President Tiffany Love continued her Hunter engineer training with the now traditional all day Hunter operation. Ken Long covered the Hunter Brakeman duties for the first half of the day with Chris Neiman taking care of the second shift at the rear of the train.

With Tiffany at the throttle Bob Roberts helped out at the Merchandise Cart, Marty Berg covered the 4 track crossing, John Gurwell was at the ready with the re-rail cart and Station Master Glenn Maness kept things moving at the station.





2020 Calendar Who Is That?

Upper Left: Kim Ziepke after crossing the overpass on his 4-8-4 Northern headed into Allen's Valley

Upper Right: Larry Fisher at the throttle of Ron Wilkerson Mikado



Lower Left: Bob Chamberlain in the foreground running his Atlantic with Bill Hesse in the background on his Ten Wheeler.

Lower Right: Another "two-fer" Mike Hitchcock on the cushion with Mel Hitchcock tending to the switch.

New Run Day pictures have been added to the Club website.

Go to: <https://riversidelivesteamers.com/> to check them out!

FULL HOUSE!!

STORAGE 2020

DO YOU WANT TO STORE YOUR EQUIPMENT AT RLS?

All the RLS storage buildings are full at this time. Storage invoices will be mailed in December. If you are reducing your storage, please let me know so I can adjust your storage invoice.

Please do not bring equipment to RLS thinking you saw an open space. All tracks are rented to members and the buildings are filled to the end of each track. Any open space has been rented and you can not place your equipment on those tracks.

If you are interested in storing your equipment, please send me an email rich@wmp.net or call me (575) 756-4413 so I can put you on the waiting list.

Rich Casford - Storage Chairman



RLS Annual Dinner

1/04/2020, Hidden Valley Golf Club, 10 Clubhouse Drive, Norco Ca.

6:00pm Social Hour - 7:00pm Dinner

Great Train Show - Sacramento, CA January 4-5, 2020 - 10am-4pm,
Ventura, CA February 1 & 2, Costa Mesa, CA Feb 8-9. Tickets can be purchased here:
<http://greattrainshow.com/schedule/>

**Thanks to Dave Bunts, Joan Adams, and Chris Neiman for the photos
and articles in this months 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

January 4th: Annual Dinner 6:00pm

Jan 26th: Run Day (Westbound Figure Eight)

Jan 12th, Run Day (Westbound Outside Loop)

Feb 9th, Run Day (Eastbound Outside Loop)

Jan 18th: Fun/Work Day

Feb 15th Fun/Work Day

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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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