

# THE RLS CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



March 2020



**Paul Quick at the throttle of his 4-4-2 Atlantic with Kevin Zamp .**

Pictures from the February Run Days and more can be found at our website:

<https://riversidelivesteamers.com/>



## President's Words Of Wisdom

For those of you who were in attendance last run day it was a mini-meet with the fine steam folks from LALS coming out in-mass to actually see what a real steam railroad looks like. Everyone seemed to have a good time, at least as long as I was there (I do still have the wage slave requirement of being to work on time, so I have to leave early). Good times were had by all, and the visitors seemed to make themselves at home, even to the point of a young lady happily cleaning our coffee pots. They were realistic railroad coffee pots, but then we all seem to forget the joys of pots that don't have the dark brown look of a full pot when it's actually empty.

I want to thank John Gurwell, Chris Neiman, Steve Borchert and Dave Lazarus for stepping up and making the trek to Encino to pick up the newest addition to our full size signals for use on the railroad. Through Jeff Gorjans, RLS has had a wig wag signal donated to our operation. The location it will be installed is still being discussed, and we will need permission from the city to put it in, but it's a marvelous addition to our railroad experience for the masses.

I hope to see you all at the railroad...

- David Bunts

## Save the Dates!!

### RLS Spring Meet

**April 24th, 25th and 26th Free Breakfast  
Saturday and Sunday with a Pot Luck  
Saturday.**



**For more information on participating  
or helping out watch for the April  
Chronicle or contact Meet chairman  
Brian Stephens.**



## Along The Tracks - Rich Casford, Road 2

Due to the memorial service for Larry Fisher we had a different day for Workday, Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> found a small hardy crew install the first replacement switch for the Vandenberg Cross-over. This new switch along with the second switch scheduled for the March Workday will make the Vandenberg Cross-over compile standard RLS mainline switches and a gentle transition for all trains between the mainlines.

Tom Brody, Brian Stephens, Doug Shifter, Pat O'Guinn, Chris Neiman and the Roadmaster were the track gang for the day. With switch transport help from Compound Supervisor Bob Roberts and SMP Dave Bunts to move the switch to the job site and remove the old switch the small track crew had the switch installed ready for service before Noon!

Special thanks goes to Richard Ronne who has become our #1 Switch builder making sure all the RLS standards are used in construction of the switches. We are able to drop the unit in place, bolt track together and ready to use! As mention above Richard already has Vandenberg #2 switch built ready for the March Workday.

The Locomotive Mechanical Department continued work on the Hunter Train Brake for train brakes. Compound Supervisor was working in the compound.

Door Dash Chef Glenn Maness made the run to the Pizza Parlor for lunch for the workers and President Dave Bunts called the Board Meeting to order promptly at 1:00PM.

If you stayed home, you missed a great day at RLS! Plan now to join us in March. Due to five Sundays in March our workday will be Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 AM. **We need a camp cook that day, if you want to be Chef** please contact me at [rich@wmp.net](mailto:rich@wmp.net) or (575) 756-4413. Board meeting at 1:00PM and all are welcome to attend.

See you at the track,

- Road 2



## 2020 March Calendar

### Who Is That?

Upper Left: Jim Wood taking care of Brakeman Duties with Pat O'Guinn on the 4 track crossing.

Upper Right: Sam Ferguson on the Pine Creek Loco.

Lower Left: Bill Philips, Bob Beard Sam Ferguson and Charlie Kennemer

Lower Right: Brakeman Ken Mitoma on the Hunter Train.



## RLS Run Day February 9, 2020

The first Run Day in February started off with Blustery skies, clouds threat of rain.

Ken Long continued his Hunter training under the guidance of SMP/Operating Superintendent Dave Bunts. Bob Roberts took over the Hunter engineer duties in the morning with Ken long covering the Brakeman assignment.

Out on the railroad enjoying the Run Day were Steve and Peggy Borchert (Maggie too), Ken Adamson on his Mogul, Sean and Steven Hagen on Richard Ronne's engine. Chris Neiman covered station switches then Hunter Brake-man duties in the afternoon. John Gurwell assisted at the station, Tiffany Love managed the merchandise cart, Marty Berg covered the 4 track crossing and Station Master Glenn Maness kept the station moving.

Ken Long covered station switches while Chris did the Afternoon shift as Hunter Brakeman. Sprinkles started around 1:00pm and the Railroad was closed down as the weather turned to showers at 1:30pm.



### ....Did you know?

The **Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad**, a three foot narrow gauge railroad, that was once part of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad is celebrating 50 years of being jointly owned by the states of Colorado and New Mexico since 1970.



## RLS Run Day February 23, 2020

The Run Day of the 23rd had the feel of a small meet!

Lots of RLS members and visitors from LALS with a wide variety of motive power and rolling stock from standard gauge through 2 foot narrow gauge.



The crew's of the Hunter train and Richard Ronne's mighty 4-6-2 took care of 510 passengers through the station.



The weather will be warming up soon, come on out and enjoy the railroad before the heat kicks in!!



**March 7 & 8 - Golden Empire Historical & Modeling Society Train Show, Bakersfield**

<https://gehams.club/2020-train-show-info>

**April 4th, 2020 - Los Angeles Live Steamers "Steam Only Run" 9:00am to 10:00pm**

More information can be found at their website

<http://lalsrm.org/events/private-steam-only-run-2/>

**Thanks to Dave Bunts, Rich Casford, Dayna Horgan and Joan Adams 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](mailto:rockwreckrr@roadrunner.com)

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## Upcoming Important Dates

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Mar 8th: Run Day (Westbound outside Loop)	April 12th: Easter - NO RUN DAY
Mar 14th, Fun/Work Day	April 18th, Fun/Work Day
Mar 22nd, Run Day (Westbound Figure Eight)	April 24th, 25th and 26th Spring Meet

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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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