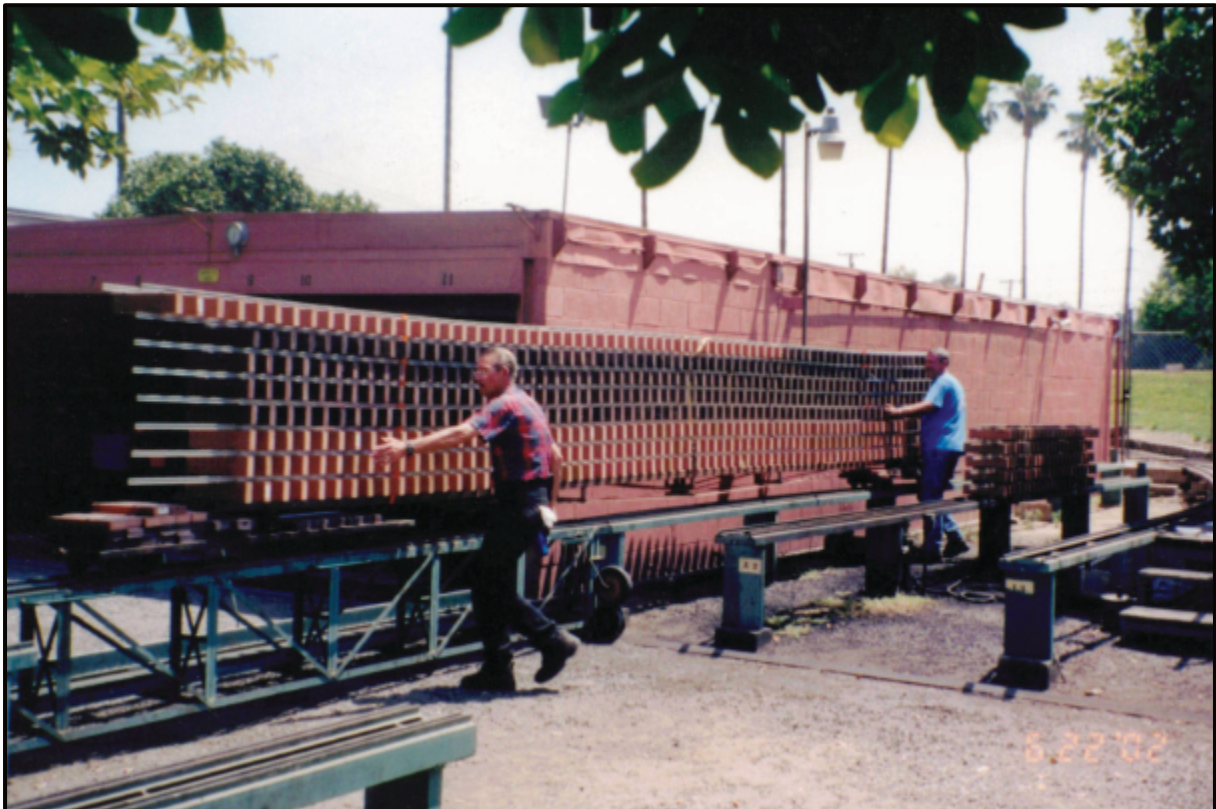


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NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



September 2020



Track Stack

October 2002 - Phil McFadden and Dave Bunts move 240 feet of track to the storage bay to await installation out on the railroad by the Track Crew .

President's Words Of Wisdom



Red? Blue? Purple? Defcon 6?

The state has once again moved/changed/alterd the moving goals in an effort to confuse us even more with Covid-19 status. What does that mean to us? Who knows? I inadvertently threw away my Magic Eight ball fortune telling device several years ago in an uncharacteristic fit of cleaning and can't come up with an answer that makes any sense. I think the one that is probably the most appropriate is "Ask Again Later".

We don't know where we stand, we don't know what the County (who the State managed to pass the buck to) is going to want, then we end up with the City who is also a player in this conditional re-open, partial re-open, stay closed circle of unknowns. Can you tell I might be a bit frustrated? I know all of us are. We want to get out of the house, we want to go to restaurants, we want to come play with our trains, we want to see our friends again. I know I miss the camaraderie and banter that goes along with playing with our trains. There is something to be said about a group of people who

are drawn to a specific place for whatever reason, everyone wants to be there and every one of us doesn't ever wish to be anywhere else while we are there.

I want to go back, you want to go back, I miss the place and most of all I miss the people. Stay tuned folks, once we figure it out, you'll be the first to know.

- Dave

STAY SAFE WEAR YOUR MASK WASH YOUR HANDS!

Did you know...



During the construction of the Columbia Overpass project our station platform was moved from Columbia to the Marlborough straight-away?

On the right we have an image of the temporary station taken on 4-22-2009 (courtesy of Rich Casford).

Bottom left we see the station platform has all the wrought iron in place. Rich Casford and Dave Bunts work on leveling the station siding as Glenn Maness and Ken Casford look on.

Bottom right we see the station in use for the October 11th run day in 2009. Helping out with passenger service was Greg Casford on the families 4-8-4.





Along The Tracks

September and we are still with the COVID-19 Crisis. The Governor of California has released new rules re-opening, four different levels based on number of cases of COVID-19 per 100K populations. Unfortunately, it appears we will be closed a while longer as we continue our efforts for permission to open. For now, we are still closed for train operations at RLS.

Some maintenance work is still being performed. Our Electrical Upgrade Program headed by Steve Borchert and his team are still working on completion of items from the City Inspector Punch List. Once we pass inspection by City

Building & Safety department, then Riverside Public Utilities will move the main power drop from transformer to our new weather head going into the building. If you come out to the compound be careful in all the buildings as we have electrical construction material in several places.

Compound Supervisor Bob Roberts has been replacing the ties on the Bunts By-Pass track. If you would like to give Bob a hand give him a call at (951) 440-2095.

Equipment Owners Note: We have new locks on buildings, containers and gates. You still need your old key for all the man doors and front gate lock. You were mailed a new key for the new locks. If you did not get a key in the past few weeks, please email Rich at rich@wmp.net or (575) 756-4413. If you enter the property make sure to close and lock the gate on the inside so we do not have public coming into the compound. Only RLS members are allowed in the Compound at this time. Please remember 10 people or less and 6-foot social distancing rules. Face coverings are required. If we do not follow these simple rules we will be suspended from access to the compound.

The Board of Directors appreciates the cooperation of the membership during our COVID-19 induced closure. As soon as we can return to the Rails, we will let you know.

In the meantime.....Stay safe, wear your mask, wash your hands!

- Road 2

1:1 Scale Steam in Riverside



3751 Vine Street, Riverside

The first train of the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake Railroad arrived at this station from Los Angeles on March 12, 1904. From Riverside the line followed the Mormon Trail to connect with the Union Pacific in Salt Lake. In 1921 the line and the station were acquired by the Union Pacific.

The building currently houses a Mexican restaurant called "El Patron Downtown Riverside".



From the cover...

HOW DO YOU MOVE 30 FEET OF TRACK PANELS ON A 18 FOOT TRANSFER TABLE?



Back in the day.....before COVID-19 our track crew used to do some amazing jobs of track building and track installation.

On major jobs, we would build 30-foot sections of track, loading them on a special track transporter mounted on two flatcars. The photos show how we could move 30 feet of track off a steaming bay and onto the engine lead to the mainline. The track carrier floated on pivot points on the flat cars.

Designed and built by Phil McFadden, George Bartlow and Dave Bunts. Phil & Dave are all smiles as they move a load of trackage, ready for field installation.

This process sure beats hauling 10-foot sections at a time and the resulting kneeling work in the field connecting each section.



Leave it to RLS to figure out a better way!



RLS Keeps Moving



Compound projects are still moving forward with limited crews.

Steve Borcher John Gurwell Bob Roberts and Chris Neiman (also our photographer for these pictures) are shown here working on the Electrical Upgrade Project.

With the preliminary inspection out of the way the crew is working on the changes the City Inspector requested.



Below, Bob Roberts takes time out to work on the wood tie swap out on the Bunts Bypass Track.



If you'd like to help out keep an eye on the RoadMaster's emails. As projects come up notifications will be sent. We have to limit the number of members in the compound at any given time so notifying Rich or the listed project manager of your availability is a must.



August Calendar "Who Is It?"

Upper Left: Ken Long taking care of the Brakeman duties on the Hunter passenger train.

Upper Right: Marty Berg on the platform as Station Master.

Lower Left: Matthew Ruff at the throttle and Richard Ronne as Brakeman.

Lower Right: Richard Ronne in the Brakeman's chair headed into Allen's Valley.

Thanks to Dave Bunts, Rich Casford, 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

Please keep an eye on your email, the RLS Website at: <https://riversidelivesteamers.com> and here in the Chron for our future dates of operations and any workdays.

The RoadMaster will notify everyone as the situation in the County and City is updated.

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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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