

# ***THE CHRONICLE***

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**NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS**



November 2020



**Almost Ready!**

A partial re-opeing is in the works

Look in side for more info on what's in store for R.L.S.

**STAY SAFE WEAR YOUR MASK WASH YOUR HANDS!**



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

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Greetings from the Prez:

It's the end of Halloween, the little darlings have all run off home, and the candy wrappers are spread across the yard as a reminder that they were there. Yeah, right. Not this year, not with the Covid pandemic.

Like it or not, people are dying from the disease and we can and will be helping to reign it in by following the rules that are set forth. Which is why the numbers of people out tonight was way lower than they have been in past years, and why it ended so early for a Halloween on a Saturday night with a blue moon in the sky. All this pontification to bring us to this point: We are going to reopen RLS. It is going to be a bit different than before, but we are coming back none-the-less.

We will not have public trains for the foreseeable future, we are going to be limiting the number of available steaming bays, we are going to have to report to the OS (the poor bugger) when we arrive on site to have him/her/they (we must be PC in pronouns) point a thermometer at our forehead and answer "NO!" to the list of questions on the back of the OS clipboard indicating we have none of the current list of symptoms. Friends will not be allowed onto the railroad, only family units. BUT, we will be able to steam up and go onto the railroad to once again exercise the machine, and our abilities to make that machine run. Each of you will be mailed a copy of the City approved plan for reopening so that you will all be aware of the conditions that we are required to work under. Please read them and be willing to abide by the rules as they have been approved. Bring your own PPE, we are not going to provide face coverings.

None of us particularly like what is going on, and most of us may chaff under the restrictions, but for the time being we need to abide by these rules. Things will get better, we just have to wait. The pundits talk about the new 'normal', and this is our new normal. Please, come out to the railroad and see what it looks like. See your friends, see the steam in the cold mornings, see and hear an engine working up towards Summit, we have all missed it, and it will probably do our collective souls some good to see it again. Just be prepared to participate using the new rules. For those of us who don't feel safe in a public place or in crowds, stay home and stay healthy. We are the poster children for the at-risk groups, and the desire to stay healthy is a good one. There will be a vaccine at some point, and once it's widely spread, come out then. We have waited this long, there is no need to come out if you don't feel safe.

In closing, please read the rules, and if you chose to come out, abide by them.

There is one last thing - considering all we have heard for the last 6 weeks is "VOTE", I'm going to echo that one more time - the RLS Board of Directors ballots were mailed to all regular members, and you should participate in the election by voting. It will help steer the club for the next year.

Stay safe.

- ***Dave***



## **Along The Tracks**

**- Road 2**

### **This Month in Railroad History:**

The John Bull, the oldest operable steam engine in the United States, is placed in regular service on the Camden & Amboy Railroad, New Jersey in 1831.

### **STORAGE TIME**

Each year in November we request members who need storage space to contact Rich Casford, Storage Chairman for their storage needs for the following year.

Currently the storage buildings are completely full. As soon as I say that someone sells a piece of equipment, decides to back shop their locomotive for the next year.

So now is the time if you need storage space, please contact me at [rich@wmp.net](mailto:rich@wmp.net) or my cellphone (575) 756-4413 to let me know your needs. We try to make everyone fit in the buildings.

If you are a current storage member and plan on exiting your space for 2021 please let me know that also as well so I can make the chess board of equipment fit into all the spaces.

Storage bills will be mailed in December to all members who have equipment stored in the buildings.

I maintain a waiting list for storage so if you think your project locomotive will be finished next year, let me know so I can place you on the waiting list.

Rich Casford. Storage Chairman

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## **2020-2021 Board Of Directors Elections**

Our 2020-2021 Board of Directors election ballots have been mailed out

Brian Stephens, Glenn Maness, Bob Roberts and Joan Adams are the outgoing Board Members this year we have four position to fill.

These are the candidates approved by the Board:

John Rohrbach	Pat O'Guinn
Tom Lebs	Kevin Zamp
Dan Williams	Mark Spaulding
Brook Adams	

As always this time of year there's a lot election hoopla, be sure to get your RLS ballot mailed back before the November 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.





Only ballots received at the P.O. Box before the 14<sup>th</sup> will be counted - no hand carried, or late ballots will be included in the tally.

If you plan on attending the meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> and would like to help count ballots please let any Board Member know that you are available. We need at least three members to do so, if you can help let them know.

## Meet the Candidates!

Below are the candidates for the four upcoming Board of Director vacancies for 2020-2021. Be sure to get your ballots mailed back before the November 14th Board Meeting.

Only ballots received via the Post Office will be counted.  
NO walk in/Hand delivered ballots will be tallied.

	Dan Williams - Member since 2014, Road Crew and Assistant to the RoadMaster.
	Kevin Zamp - Member since 2018, Club Webmaster, Brakeman for Hunter and extra passenger trains.
	Tom Lebs - Member since 2016, Brakemen for Hunter and extra passenger trains, metal fabricator of many projects for RLS.
	John Rohrbach - Member since 2017, Brakemen for Hunter and extra passenger trains.
	Mark Spaulding - Member since 2012, Brakemen for Hunter and extra passenger trains.
	Pat O'Guinn - Member since 2016, Allen's Valley Switchman, Brakemen for Hunter and extra passenger trains.
	Brook Adams - Member since 2001, Past Board Member, Hunter Engineer, Brakemen, Car Foreman, Chronicle Editor.

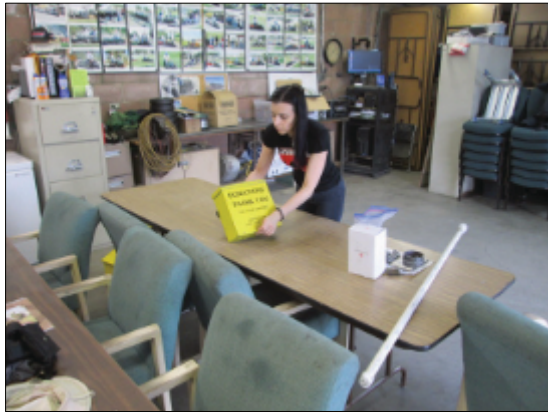
## **Message from the Compound Supervisor - . - *Bob Roberts***

We have been shut down for 7 1/2 months now!

The good news is we have been approved to reopen on a limited basis. This means we need to get the compound and the track ready to open up.

A few members took it upon themselves to get started early. Brian, Chris, John, and Tiffany came down to the compound one Saturday in October and cleaned the club house. The group dusted and swept out the dust created by the electrical upgrade. They did not stop there! The floors were also mopped and then everything was put back in its place. The restrooms were even cleaned! Big thanks to this group of go getters.

Their efforts are greatly appreciated!



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### **Did you know...**

Your RLS membership dues for 2021 are now payable?

Membership dues info:

Regular Membership \$50.00, Non-Resident Membership \$25.00, Junior Membership \$15.00.

Accepting Annual Dues - November 1st

Annual Dues are due - December 1st

Annual Dues are late - January 1st

## Almost there.....

As the President and Compound Supervisor have noted we are very close to a limited re-opening. The Board has notified the RLS supervisors that they want all the Safe Reopening Plan items in place prior to the next Board meeting which is only 2 weeks away. Barring any unforeseen issues from the State, County or City the Board looking to have limited operations begin on the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Run Day.

If you are in a position to help out contact Rich Casford or Bob Roberts so that they can coordinate the support.

Per the City/Parks Department with this re-opening there will be no public passenger service at this time. This will give all of us a chance to get used to operations under the new COVID-19 rules prior to working with the public.

All members will be provided a copy of the Safe Reopening Plan approved by the city. A copy will be available in the Club House as well. We can all do our part to ensure we are allowed to continue being open by following the approved rules. Most of these rules are ones that are in place and that we are already familiar with in our day to day activities, some are new and unique to RLS. Let's take a look at them.

1. If you are sick do not come in to the Club, you will be sent home.

2. You must check-in with the O.S., They will need to take your temperature and ask you if you have any of the following symptoms: Cough, shortness of breath or trouble breathing, headache, fever, chills, muscle or body aches, fatigue, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, new loss of taste or

smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, exposure to individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19. If your temperature exceeds 100 degrees or you are experiencing these symptoms you will be asked to leave.

3. 6 foot distancing - In the Clubhouse chairs and tables will be arranged/removed to maintain the distancing, floor marking to indicate spacing and sanitizers stations will be in place. In the steaming bay areas all even number bays will be blocked off to provide spacing required for engine steaming and service and hand sanitizer stations will be set up.

4. Face coverings/PPE - You must provide your own face covering and wear it when you are within 6 feet of others. RLS will not be providing masks, if you don't have one with you you will be asked to leave.

5. The Compound is **not** open to the public - This is a tough one as it goes against what we are all about at RLS, sharing and enjoying the live steam hobby with everyone. During the run day gates may be closed to discourage foot traffic from outside the Compound. Personal family members/units will be allowed in and on your trains however no public or public passengers are allowed on the trains or in the Compound at this time.

- Brook

# What's Happening at the Railroad

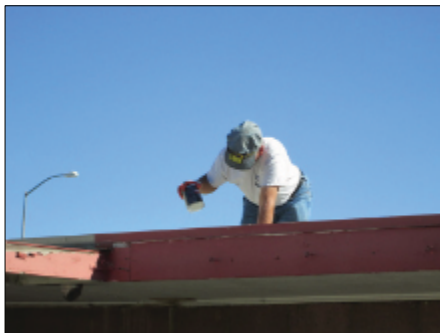
The Compound Electrical Project is 99.1% completed!

Steve Borchert, John Gurwell, Chris Neiman and Bob Roberts have very nearly put this project to bed.



Those of you that have had to deal with the building permit and inspection process know that these things rarely proceed quickly or without a few hiccups along the way.

The city building inspection department has worked with Steve to get all of our inspections done in a timely manner and even made second trip out to compound on the 29<sup>th</sup> after a scheduling miscommunication. A big thanks to Riverside Community & Economic Development Department and their inspector team.



The Compound clean up is still in the works. Lots of clutter has been hauled off and areas are looking very neat. Just a reminder to members to check with the Roadmaster or the Compound Supervisor first before donating items you think may be useful to the Club or it's members. Items that just appear on site with no know purpose or member association will disappear just as magically.

Railroad maintenance continues even as we are on this COVID-19 imposed break. Pat O'Guinn has been out quite a few times and kept an eye on the right-of-way for everyone. Thanks to Pat and everyone that has come out to keep things in order.





## November Calendar “Who Is It?”

Left photo: Jerry Roth as Brakeman of the extra passenger train.

Right Top: Charlie Kennemer and Bill Phillips headed into Allen’s Valley

Left Bottom: Rich Casford at the throttle of the Big Boy 4-8-8-4

Right Bottom: Ken Adamson oil can in hand readies his engine for a day of running.

**Thanks to Rich Casford, David 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](mailto:rockwreckrr@roadrunner.com)

## *Upcoming Important Dates*

**We are moving towards restricted operations**

**Watch your mail/email for more information**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting 1:00pm, election ballot count**

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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.

### **THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Officers**

President: David Bunts  
 Vice President: Brian Stephens  
 Secretary: Rich Casford  
 Treasurer: Joan Adams

#### **Directors**

Director: Glenn Maness  
 Director: John Gurwell  
 Director: Bob Roberts  
 Director: Chris Neiman