

THE RLS CHRONICLE

A REPORT OF LIVE STEAM ACTIVITIES ON THE R.L.S.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

The big event for this month is Bi-Centennial week for the City of Riverside. We are going to be the main frog in the bowl of punch - from what they tell us. RLS will deliver the kick-off for this big week.

Everything comes to life on Saturday, April 17 at 9:00 a.m. when we will entertain the Mayor, the City Council and the Bi-Centennial Committee. They will be the first to ride our trains. Coffee and doughnuts and don't spill the syrup.

If you haven't put your bid in for something, you had better hurry, both of you. Nearly everybody has found some way to take part. There will be plenty of trains on the track and lots going on in the steaming area.

Doc has a nice spread for the newspaper with pictures and stories for their Bi-Centennial issue which will be printed the week before to alert the natives. So we should have lots of company on the 17th.

Don't bother shing your shoes, just have a bright look in your eyes and we'll look forward to seeing you there.

- - - Dick

- APRIL 4 - Hunter Class, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 - Board Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
- 11 - Run Day - Eastbound
- 17 - Bi-Centennial Run Day, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 22 - General Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
- 25 - Run Day - Eastbound
- MAY 1 - Night Run, Picnic Dinner, 4:00 p.m.
- 9 - Mother's Day Run - Westbound
Cajon Meet PCR at RLS
- 13 - Board Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
- 15 - Work Day, Free lunch
- 15 - 16 - Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Spring Meet
- 23 - Run Day - Westbound
- 27 - General Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
- 29 - 30 - 31 - Los Angeles Live Steamers Spring Meet
- JUNE 5 - Night Run, Picnic Dinner, 4:00 p.m.

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5th ANNUAL DINNER

You should have been there. Knott's Berry Farm hosted 47 RLS members, wives and guests to a one-hour tour of the roundhouse. Next through the Otto Mears private car "Edna". Then on to the train ride behind D&RGW K-27 #464. Most rode in the private car "Durango" but some lucky ones received cab rides. Next came George's famous "attitude adjustment" hour (hour and a half?). Dinner was a New York steak, baked potato, green beans, Knott's biscuits with boysenberry jam, topped off by a boysenberry tart. Yum-yum!

George Lavacot, Fran Zappen and Dick Bagley shared the podium for the awards presentation.

Special Awards - Brakeman of 1975 (2 given)
Arlene Dandurand and Brian Ratliff

Gandy Dancer of 1975
Ken Casford

Rich Casford was given a desk set in recognition for two years as secretary.

5th ANNUAL DINNER (Con't)

- Nutsplitter, 1975 - 1" Jim Keith for completion of the fine
Pennsy 4-4-4-4.
- Nutsplitter, 1975 - 1-1/2" Fran Zappen for completion in re-
building his 2-6-0.
- Hogger, 1975 - 1" Mac McChesney. Mac rarely misses running his
0-6-0.
- Hogger, 1975 - 1-1/2" Leo Dandurand. Leo was one of the main-
stays of our operation in 1975.
- Live Steamer of the year, 1975 - John Noble for spearheading the
completion of the Creighton
cut-off.

- John Thorpe for all the work he
has done as Superintendent of
Motive Power

RUN DAYS

MARCH 14 - 13 engines ran. I wish I had been there to report. -Al

MARCH 28 - 1" - Mac McChesney, 0-6-0; Doc Smith, 2-4-0; Henry
Pfaff, 2-8-2.

1-1/2" - Dick Bagley, 2-8-0; Bill Bay, 4-8-2; Arlene
Dandurand, 4-4-0; Leo Dandurand, 4-6-2; Al
Easley, 4-4-0; Roy Penrod, 4-4-2; Skip Borsuk,
Jack and Beverly Sessums on Barney Root's
4-8-4; Homer Smith, 4-4-0.

Barney Root was at trackside. Good to see you again, Barney.

Station Master, Jeanette Bagley, had the help of Dick Bagley,
Arlene Dandurand, Al Easley, T Grant, John Noble, Brian and Al
Ratliff, Beverly Sessums and Joe Severns.

Roundhouse Foreman, Ken Kepner, and Bob Babb helping in the
steaming area.

Gandy dancers working on the Iowa Siding switch were Ken Casford,
John Noble and Joe Severns.

FOR SALE

1-1/2" scale tank car. 2 domes, 2 compartments, vacuum brakes.
\$500.00. Call Andy Andrew, 213-666-1130.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS

Don't miss SVLS Spring Meet May 15-16. Coffee and do-nuts served
in the morning, hot-dogs at noon and a spaghetti feed in the
evening (reasonably priced). Room for campers at trackside.

RAILROAD AUCTION

O.K. fellows. Get out all those tools, old castings, or anything that pertains to railroading. Now's the time to make some money on it and help get some money for the one-inch fund.

If you have anything like this and wish to put it in the auction, dit it out and let Fran Zappen know. He will make a list and put it in the Chronicle so people will know what will be there.

Let's go all out on this for June and if it looks like a good thing we can have another one in October at our fall meet.

So pull out those castings or whatever else you have as someone else may lake to have it. Or maybe someone else has what you want. Let's clean up the workshop and see how much money you can make.
