

THE RLS CHRONICLE

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

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HELP WANTED

SATURDAY

APRIL 1

9:00 a m

URGENT NEED FOR TRAINMEN, STATION PERSONNEL, LOCOMOTIVES
AND ENGINEERS. DETAILS ON PAGE 2

SATURDAY

APRIL 15

9:00 a m

Another important work day scheduled for April 15. Now is the time for RLS members to be catching up on our urgently needed maintenance before the hot summer months. Major projects, routine maintenance, all need your help and support. Mark this day on your calendar if you are willing to work.

No Visitors Please!!!

COMING EVENTS

APRIL 1972

- 1..... Special Easter Egg Hunt Run Day - 9 to 4
- 13..... Board Meeting, 8:00 P.M., Engine House, Hunter Park
- 15..... Special April Work Day - 9 to 4
- 22..... Run Day
- 23..... Run Day
- 27..... General Meeting, 8:00 P.M., Engine House, Hunter Park

This "Extra" edition of the Chronicle is being mailed to the members only for a number of important events and items of club business need to be distributed as soon as possible.

SATURDAY - APRIL 1 SPECIAL RUN DAY We have been advised there will be two Easter Egg Hunts for children to be held at Hunter Park on this day. Several thousand children are expected to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for RLS to generate some revenue through the running of passenger trains as well as introduce our trains to the many children and their parents that will be in the park.

We are in urgent need of 1½" engines, trainmen, station men and members to watch the tunnel, switches, etc. The following men signed up to be there on Saturday: Cranford, Noble, Creighton, Powelson, Babb, Thorpe, Piatt, Root, Jim Keith, Allen and Casford.

BUT WE NEED MORE!!! Please try to come out and help. With 70 members, hopefully at least 15 more can come out to help. Won't you help?

SATURDAY - APRIL 15 WORK DAY To take full advantage of the cooler spring weather, it was decided at the last general meeting that the next special work day would be April 15. As reported elsewhere, these specially planned work days are highly successful and a lot of work is being accomplished. We can use more workers, so mark your calendar now for April 15 and be at the Engine House at 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

PROJECTS FOR APRIL 15

Station Roof
Cut Ties
Dado Ties
Assemble Track Panels
Main Line Maintenance
Engine House Maintenance

PLEASE BRING

Hammer
Shovel
Leaf Rake

Your lunch - Hot Stew will be served in addition to what you bring.

CLUB BY-LAWS - Through the courtesy of Ted Cranford, a copy of the By-Laws has been prepared for each member of RLS, and your copy is enclosed. Please read it carefully. It outlines the policies under which your club operates.

MARCH 18 WORK DAY Eighteen members turned out to tackle a number of projects. Assisting Jim Keith on the station work were Richard Stokes, George Hildebrandt (all 1" scale men incidentally) who put up the roof panels, started the laying of the roofing paper and shakes. Bob Babb and John Piatt were hard at work restoring Barney Root's 2-8-4 to operating condition. Louis Thomas took in on the huge stack of ties that needed cleaning and stripping of old spikes. Ken Kepner got out the paint rollers and primed five roof panels, then grabbed a hammer to assist Louie Thomas. John Keith had the saw going, Sir Francis doing his dado on the dado cutter with Al Easley moving material for the tie operation while cleaning up the compound. Between these men working on the ties, 1000 ties are now ready for use!!

Out on the track, under the eagle eye of John Noble, Ted Cranford, Truson Buegel, John Powelson, Jack Sessums, Barney Root, Carl Allen and Ken Casford raked the track, worked on rough joints, installed track bolts, installed ballast retainers, realigned track and in general, made a lot of headway on catching up on deferred maintenance.

These eighteen workers put in a good day's work, and I am certain all felt a real feeling of accomplishment when they went home that night. Several other members showed up for a couple of hours, but seemed to be content with supervising or visiting. Fellows, you would be surprised at what the majority of the 18 workers had to say about those who stood around and watched the others work!! Run day is a time for visiting, but when there is ample work to be done, workers only please!

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER Sir Francis and President Ted have tried for over a year to get all of the members to respond to a questionnaire for use in publishing a new membership roster. They have not heard from the following, and unless we are advised of any changes in your address, phone number, etc., your listing will be picked up from available information: Barnes, Beatty, Borsuk, Cook, Len Cranford, Cranston, Crouner, Drenth, Easley, Emery, Edwards, Helms, Kepner, Leet, Reese, Sessums, Leonard Smith, Steinmetz, Seimears, Vener. Deadline for changes will be the next general meeting on April 27.

EQUIPMENT & TOOL FUND A generous outpouring by members at the last general meeting increased substantially the funds for the new equipment RLS is trying to obtain. For those especially unable to help with service on run days or work days, this is an excellent chance for you to show your support to RLS. Contributions may be mailed to Treasurer Wilson at Box 5512, Riverside, 92507, marked Tool Fund.

DONATION BOXES Treasurer Wilson has repainted and reworked the Donation Box and Paul Vener made a special trip to Riverside on March 25 with a new sign for the box in an effort to increase the level of donations. At the last meeting, it was decided to install a second donation box for the other end of the station platform. Over \$32 came in from the February run days which shows what trains, kids and money can produce.

OPERATING RULES As a reminder, 1½" locomotives and trains have the right of way over 1" locomotives and trains at the crossing. Engineers on the 1" trains should stop at a distance away from the crossing as a matter of courtesy (and safety) so that 1½" engineers know you are aware of their train.