

THE RLS CHRONICLE

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

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RLS PICNIC

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 23

To get our new season off to a flying start, we are planning an RLS picnic for Sunday, September 23. In conjunction with our Run Day, you are cordially invited to bring your family and your picnic and join in the fun of live steaming.

In addition to hopefully many locomotives in operation, there will be a special drawing for a valuable gift that will make the outing worthwhile alone. There will be something of interest for each member of the family.

For those who would like to go swimming during the afternoon, RLS member Lud Gneiting has extended an invitation to members and their family to come swimming in his excellent pool. So that Lud might know approximately how many to expect, will you please either let Lud know at 714-683-4365 or let your secretary know at 213-696-0053.

Plan now to start the 1973-74 Live Steam Season by attending the Picnic on Sunday, September 23. Live Steam - Swimming - Picnic - Valuable Prize all for you and your family on this special day.

P. S. Don't forget to bring your locomotives. Let's fill the tracks.

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 1973

- 23..... General Meeting, Engine House, meeting starts 7:30 P.M.
26..... Run Day

SEPTEMBER

- 1-2-3..... Labor Day Weekend, Sunday run day only if engines and crews available. Track available to any interested RLS member.
2..... 4-8-4 Engineers' Class canceled this month only.
9..... Run Day
13..... Board Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
23..... Run Day - Fall Picnic
27..... General Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING TO START AT 7:30 P.M. Due to a mix up in details, the scheduled pictures to be shown by Jim Krieder of LALS last month will be shown this month instead. As a result, the meeting will start 30 minutes earlier than normal.

AUGUST 12 RUN DAY It was hot and smoggy, but a good turnout of RLS members kept the trains going. Running on the 1" were Frank Krohne (2-4-2) and Carl Allen (4-6-2). Running on the 1-1/2" were the Hunter 4-8-4 with Bill Nelson at the throttle, Roy Penrod (4-4-0) and guest 4-6-0. Members lending a hand included Babb, Bagley, Rich Casford, Jim Keith, Powelson, Ratliff, Root, Thorpe and Wilson.

BALL PARK ROAD CROSSING REPLACED Sometime on August 3, a Park Department tractor with a low hanging trailer hitch pin managed to rip out the track in the concrete road crossing at the ball diamond road. During the following week, Bob Babb assisted by Carl Allen fabricated a new steel track unit.

With John Thorpe's assistance, Bob Babb installed the new track unit on Sunday, August 12, so our normal run day could be held. Unfortunately, the heavy auto and truck traffic during the week destroyed the new track panel before it could be concreted in place, and Bob has made up a new one.

It was hoped that this new unit could be installed and the paving completed during the week of August 20. A good many hours of work have gone into this badly needed work, and RLS owes a deep debt of gratitude to those few who have worked so hard to get us back into business.

For some time, Ye Olde Secretary alias General Roadmaster has been pleading for more help in getting our main line maintenance caught up. Come to the meeting on August 23 and here the latest in why this important task needs to be completed as soon as possible.

Our three day October meet is rapidly approaching, and we need to be planning now on the projects that need to be completed by the meet.

OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO THE KEPNER'S in the death of their son, Norman, on August 2. Although not a member of RLS, Norman had taken a keen interest in our club and was always willing to lend a hand when needed. I will always remember his willingness to pitch in on July 22 when we needed to do some track work in the station area, and his concern that the work be completed. His untimely passing has taken from all of us a fine young man, and we share with Meda and Ken their tragic loss. Funeral services were held in Rialto on August 6.

4-8-4 ENGINEER TRAINING PROGRAM Fourteen RLS members are now taking part in the engineer program started last year. They are Allen, Ken and Rich Casford, Cranford, Creighton, Kepner, Nelson, Powelson, Ratliff, Krohne, Zappen, Willoughby, Van Wingen and Thorpe. Under the general supervision of Dick Bagley, Supt. of Motive Power, this group has had an enjoyable learning experience in the operation of this locomotive.

Nine members were present for the August 5 training session, and everything was going good until Doc Creighton came around the curve on the first trip and found the rails in the ball park road crossing O Gauge scale. Those present had a good experience in getting the 4-8-4 back to the house.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors on September 13, at 7:00 p.m., those trainees who have completed the practical part of the engineer's examination will be examined by the Board for issuance of the engineer's card. It is important that all board members and those ready for the examination be present promptly at 7:00 so that the exam may be completed before the regular board meeting.

AUGUST 18 NIGHT RUN Another enjoyable evening run was had by thirteen members with many wives, children and relatives also attending. Four 1" locomotives were in operation, the most we have seen since October 1972.

Leading off the parade was Andy Carlson with his newly rebuilt 4-6-2 resplendant in a beautiful green paint job ala Southern Railway. Jack Sessums with his 4-10-2 and George Lavacot with his 4-6-2 kept company with Jim Keith's 4-6-4. Jim's son, Sidney (secretary of the Cinder Sniffers - Cincinnati) and his family helped get the California Southern engine under way. Brother John Keith had his 4-4-2 out, but a badly bent rail (thanks to the park department mower) kept him from running. There is nothing quite like the scene that Jack makes with the 4-10-2 and full string of passenger cars when dusk is settling and the interior lights, markers, drumhead, etc. all are shown off to best advantage. For those of you who have yet to come out on these Saturday night runs, you don't know what you are missing.

The only 1-1/2" engine hot was the Casford's 4-6-2, and it got a good workout pulling eight cars around the lower loop.

Others in attendance were the Babbs and nephew, Foster, Gneiting, the Ratliffs, Stokes and Thorpe. For the thirty five in attendance, it was a great night for live steaming.

WEED OIL CAR In response to the plea in the last Chronicle, Frank Krohne volunteered to run the weed oil car. What a difference it makes to get this car out on the line. After the last general meeting, Rich Casford ran it almost completely around the 1-1/2" main line, and the weeds were dead by the following Saturday. We need mor help, however, as the 1" line is in urgent need of spraying. Won't someone else step forward?

FOR SALE: 1" scale 2-4-2, excellent steamer, \$350. Frank Krohne,
12241 Fremont St., Yucaipa, CA 92399.

GUESS WHAT IS MISSING NOW? One of RLS's most vital pieces of equipment, the First Aid Kit, has disappeared from the Engine House. If it has strayed by accident, will the strayee please return it at once. Much to our credit, the Kit has not been needed much considering hot engines, metal edges, etc., but it is one item that should not be removed from the engine house under any circumstances. Please - let's get it back.

REREGISTER FOR THE B.L.S. Just a reminder, that as mentioned in past issues of the Live Steam Magazine, all of the Secretaries of the Brotherhood of Live Steamers are requesting live steamers to reregister or register for the first time. Please send a 3 x 5 card to Harry Dixon, Secretary, 22075 Betlan Way, Castro Valley, CA 94546. The following information should be shown on the card:

Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____

___ I am registering for the first time

___ I am re-registering, originally listed about _____

My interests in steam are: _____ boats and/or launches
_____ locomotives
_____ stationary
_____ Traction

Steam projects contemplated are: (List on back of card)

Let's show the world RLS backs B.L.E. 100% with all members registering

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