

# THE R.L.S. CHRONICLE

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR FRIENDS -

Those two words express the whole feeling of all of us. I can think of no other message that more describes the Riverside Live Steamers.

Like everyone else, we've had our successes and failures so far this year. Two big projects started last year have now been completed and that is a great deal for any club to accomplish in so short a time. Our main line track is over a mile long and a wonderful ride. For this we thank John Noble. Because of his urgings, and he certainly did his share of the work, too, we added some two thousand feet of track to our main line. Thanks, John, for your part and thanks also to the many others of our membership, too many to name here. They sure did give you a helping hand. The City Park Department gave us a great assist with tractor work to build the fill and grade work and many other ways.

The other project was our engine and car storage shed. We now have perhaps the nicest building of any club in the nation for this purpose. Thanks again to the City of Riverside for their help financially and otherwise and also to our own membership for their financial help and many hours spent in the work on the building.

Because of the times we may not accomplish as much this year. The City has no money to help us even with the repair and up-keep of their own locomotive. Our insurance rate is also greatly increased this year. But, somehow we shall manage to do all right.

It is a pleasure to be at our track on run days and see so much activity. You can look in almost any direction and see a steam locomotive chugging away with a train.

Keep here going, fellows. Enjoy yourselves. That's the name of the game.

Dick

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 10 Run Day
- 14 Board Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
- 16 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 24 Run Day
- 28 General Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
- 30 Night Run, 5:00 til .....

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Hunter Class, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Board Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Run Day
- 20 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 25 General Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
- 28 Run Day

OCTOBER

- 4 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 5 Hunter Class, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
- 12 Run Day
- 18 Live Steam Day at Disneyland, 9:00 a.m. til closing  
Luncheon, Disneyland Hotel
- 23 General Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
- 25-26-27 ANNUAL FALL MEET, RLS Track, Riverside

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Bob Babb entered the Riverside Community Hospital July 29 for surgery. He was released August 2 and is resting at home.  
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IN MEMORY - -

Donna Hart passed away July 9. Donna was the daughter of Bob and El Babb. We extend our deepest sympathies to them both on their loss.



ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY ---- Saturday, July 19 saw a small, but hardy group on hand in the morning to clean up the new engine house, wage war on the weeds, and start repairs to the 1" lead track. It was a really nice day and a lot was accomplished. Pitching in to help were Ken and Rich Casford, Jim and John Keith, Noble, Penrod, Piatt.

Although it was hoped that we might incorporate a work day - night run in the afternoon, when the engines started arriving, there was just too much interest in running, although Bill Nelson put in a lot of work on the Hunter 4-8-4.

Saturday, August 2, another small, but hardy group was on hand to take care of some important matters. The scheduled work of weed control on the 1" lines, repair work on the 1" lead and the sealing of the new storage building were all accomplished. In addition, about two hours were spent in cleaning up the steaming area, removal of weeds in the parking lot and repairing gopher and ground squirrel damage to the compressor house footing. Making all this possible were Carlson, Ken Casford, Hildebrandt, Jim Keith, Mason, Noble, Al Ratliff and sons Greg and Brian, Sessums, and our newest member, Bob Pertusati and co-owner of his engine, Chuck.

Saturday, August 16, is our regularly scheduled work day, and it would be great if a few more of our members would make an effort to take part in the fun of improving our facility. We need to make up about 24 track panels so that the new yard may be installed before the October meet. This will be the major item on the agenda for the 16th along with any needed maintenance needed on the 1" or 1-1/2" lines. Come on out and join in the fun. If the possibility of warm weather is discouraging you, July 19 and August 2 were both warm days, but in the shade and with a good breeze, it was most comfortable. Those who stay home are the real losers when it comes to enjoying live steam fellowship.

NAME BADGE REPLACEMENT RLS member Paul Vener will be making our membership badges from now on, and he has a new die coming that will enable him to make a fine membership badge. If you wish to have a new one made, please contact the Secretary, Rich Casford. Also, Paul advises that the smaller name badges for the family members can be obtained with Riverside Live Steamers spelled out at the bottom, rather than RLS as in the past.

FACILITY SECURITY A MUST Every member is reminded that the security of the RLS facility rests with everyone, but especially with the last person to leave. Make certain that all gates are locked, pumps disconnected, lights out, etc. Most important, check to see that all doors are locked.

Recently, the main gate was left unlocked and this is an invitation for someone to enter the property. With equipment stored at RLS valued in the many thousands of dollars, let's not have carelessness expose this equipment to loss or damage.

STORAGE BUILDING A good portion of the new storage building has been assigned to those who have rented trackage. All of the tracks on the top side have signs hanging from the roof beams indicating the parties using the tracks. Equipment not covered by the storage agreements should be placed on the lower tracks. Applications for storage should be submitted to Rich Casford, Secretary.

RUN DAYS - -

July 13 - 6 engines running, carried 419 passengers.  
Root 4-8-4, Penrod 4-4-2, Homer Smith 4-4-0, Wilkerson  
2-6-0 ran on the 1-1/2"

Allen 4-6-2 and McChesney 0-6-0 ran on the 1".

Helping in the station and braking, Allen, Jim Keith,  
Palmer, Piatt, Pierce, Ratliff, L.W. Smith, Wilson.  
Working in the steaming area and kicking track joints -  
Borsuk, Noble, Sessums, Schniedwind, Thorpe.

July 27 - 10 engines running, carried 445 passengers.

Running light on the 1" - Mason 0-4-0 and Pfaff 2-8-2.

1-1/2" was busy - Allen 2-8-0, Dandurand 4-6-2, John  
Keith 4-4-2, Jim Lawrence 2-6-0, Penrod 4-4-2, Piatt  
4-4-2, Root 4-8-4, Running the Hunter 4-8-4, Bagley,  
Krohne, Ratliff, Homer Smith and Thorpe.

Helping Jim Keith, Station Master of the Day, were  
Jeanette Bagley, Ken Casford, Penrod, Pierce, Ratliff,  
Schniedwind, Homer Smith and Vener.

The Hunter locomotive is back in service. John Thorpe  
and his crew have put in many hours in replacing driver  
bearings and axles.

Al

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LIVE STEAM DAY AT DISNEYLAND - Saturday, October 18, 1975

Your \$6.00 ticket includes parking, admission, and unlimited use  
of all attractions (except shooting galleries), all day from 9 a.m.  
until closing!

Your \$6.10 luncheon ticket includes a Virginia baked ham meal  
with Waldorf salad and deep dish apple pie in the Magnolia Room  
of the Disneyland Hotel. Ride the Monorail free to and from the  
hotel. A no-host cocktail hour will precede the luncheon, with  
entertainment during and following the luncheon.

These tickets are not available at Disneyland. Make check or  
money order payable to Los Angeles Live Steamers and mail to  
Carl Bunce, LALS, 12001 Martha Ann Dr., Los Alamitos, CA 90720  
before September 18. Your tickets will be sent by return mail.