

# THE RLS CHRONICLE

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Isn't it wonderful that those two words have such a magic effect? In every language, in every creed, there are similar words. All carry the same thought, the world around. There truthfully is a Christmas spirit. Call it by whatever name you will; it is my wish that you will be filled with this most joyous feeling of the year.

The past year brought us many things. There was joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain as there is always. The nice thing about it is that we shared all of this together. "FRIENDSHIP" is a whopping big word. We also made several substantial gains and have something to show for that, too.

In the future we can have more and the pleasure can be greater. Let's go to work on that future.

Dick

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- December 7 Hunter Class, 10:00 a.m.
  - 11 Board Meeting, Engine House, 7:00 p.m.
  - 14 Run Day
  - 18 General Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
  - 20 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
  - 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
  - 28 Run Day
  - January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
  - 4 Hunter Class, 10:00 a.m.
  - 8 Board Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
  - 11 Run Day
  - 17 Work Party, 9:00 a.m.
  - 22 General Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
  - 25 Run Day

RUN DAY - November 9, 1975

Leo and Arlene Dandurand, carrying passengers with their 4-6-2, was about the only activity on the 1-1/2". Dick and Jeanette Bagley ran the station.

RUN DAY - November 23, 1975

11 locomotives running. A few more than two weeks before.

Wilcox, 4-6-4 and Sessums, 4-10-2 on the 1" main.

The 1-1/2" action included 2 Atlantics, 2 Hudsons and 1 each American, Mogul, Consolidation, Pacific and Northern.

Allen, 2-8-0; Creighton, 4-6-4; Dandurand, 4-6-2; Morgan, 4-6-4; Penrod, 4-4-2; Piatt, 4-4-2; Homer Smith, 4-4-0; and Zappen, 2-6-0.

Kepner and Noble ran the Hunter, 4-8-4. George Lavacot was Station Master. Helping as Brakeman or in the steaming area - Babb, Borsuk, Arlene Dandurand, Pat Lavacot, Powelson, Ratliff, Vener.

Visiting R.L.S. were about 20 members and guests of the Orange Empire Horseless Carriage Club. They had a fun day at Hunter Park, riding behind live steam locomotives.

WORK DAY - November 15, 1975

John Keith put the points in a new switch. Ken Casford and Dick Bagley kicked and leveled track in Allen Valley. Jim Keith and Jack Sessums worked on the 1" main line. Hope to see more out on December 20th work day.

EASTBOUND - WESTBOUND

R.L.S. has decided to alternate directions. During even numbered months (Dec., Feb., Apr., etc.) R.L.S. will run eastbound through the station. The odd numbered months (Jan., Mar., May, etc.) will find us running westbound.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mindie Porter and Homer Smith. Homer and Mindie were married on October 24, 1975. So that was Homer's excuse for missing the Fall Meet???

DUES ARE DUE

The 1976 dues are now payable. Regular membership dues are \$15.00 and non-resident dues are \$6.00. Deadline for payment of 1976 dues will be January 31, 1976.

## HUNTER STUDENTS

The oral part of the Hunter Engineers exam will be given at the December 11, 1975 Board Meeting. Any student on the student board for one year or more, not taking the exam, will be dropped from the student board. The Board Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

## PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

George Lavacot still has some dates open in 1976 (Feb. thru Dec.). If you have slides or movies of interest to the members call George at 714-735-5016, collect. George says to leave a Saturday afternoon and evening free in February for the 4th Annual Lavacot Extravaganza.

## ELECTIONS

Elected to the Board of Directors for a two-year term were Dick Bagley, Jim Keith, George Lavacot and Jack Sessums. The balance of the Board, with one more year to serve, are Bob Babb, John Noble, Al Ratliff and Fran Zappen.

The members in attendance than nominated, seconded and closed nominations in such a frenzy. Board members shuffled in and out the door and when the dust settled the new officers were - Dick Bagley, President; Al Ratliff, Vice President; Fran Zappen, Secretary; George Lavacot, Treasurer.

## STORAGE TRACK

The Board of Directors will amend the 1976 Storage Agreement to state that the person using the storage track will be responsible for cleaning the area around his equipment and keeping it clean.

## 1" EXTENSION FUND

At the November meeting a fund was started to finance the extension of the 1" main line. Donations are being accepted by the Treasurer, George Lavacot. Bill Schniedwind suggested a donation of at least one (1) dollar a month. To start the fund, the members at the meeting gave \$101.00. Send in your donation. Be a Friend of R.L.S.