

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



January 2021



Happy New Year to All!

Jonathan Rohrbach brings Tom Brody's 2-6-0 out of Allen's Valley headed to Panorama Point

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From The Cupola

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By the time you read this another year will have sped or dragged by depending on your perspective. Covid is still with us but at least we have some vaccines now. For those impacted directly by this virus I speak for all members and hope and pray for a good outcome for all.

What is the impact of Covid at RLS? It has slowed us down a bit but we are still doing our best to enjoy our interest in live steam with a few slow orders. Full steam ahead so to speak.

Our first official work day since March was held on December 19 with a board meeting at 1 o'clock. Members gathered around the flag pole wearing masks and safe distancing. Yours truly presided over this meeting. In the infamous words of Vanna White "I just turned the letters, I had know idea what Pat (Sajak) was doing." Having never been on a board before, much less president of a club, it led to a lively meeting of back and forth comments, opinions and proposals on club issues. One club member pointed out that this is what happens when old men don't have their coffee and donuts in the morning. Be that as it may it was great to see members getting involved and expressing their thoughts.

Workers on Saturday December 19 were busy around the club. Chris Neiman was keeping the grounds looking clean and neat. Richard Ronne and Matt Ruff worked in the Columbia and Hunter Station yards making sure all switches were oiled and working as intended. Brook and Joan Adams met two new board members at the bank to get them on the clubs account. Rich Casford was chasing members down and taking temperatures to comply with Covid protocols among other chores. Dave Bunts, Bob Roberts and John Gurwell assembled, painted and installed new storage cabinets in the clubhouse. Dan Williams and yours truly worked on the track at big pine and cleaned the dirt out of a switch in Allen's Valley. Matt Ruff collected all the switch locks and Jerry Roth oiled and cleaned them. Tom Lebs and Mark Spaulding also helped out, not sure what they did.

It was great to see a good turnout on December 27. The O.S., Rich Casford and Tom Lebs opened up the railroad for trouble free running. Greg Casford's family and friends came out to enjoy a train ride or two on the Santa Fe Northern. Scott Horgan fired up his 0-4-0. Richard Ronne, aided by Kevin Zamp, did his best, as always, to polish the high iron. Brook Adams fired up his engine. It was nice to see Bill Hesse servicing his engine on the steaming bays for the first time in about a year. Bill has gone through a lot after his home accident and we are all happy to see him back on his feet. Charlie Kennemer made a few turns on the line. Other members out this day, Kim and Ron Ziepke, John Gurwell and more.

Come on out and lend a hand. Check Chronicle for run and work days The next workday and board meeting (11a.m.) is January 16. Thank you all for helping out in December and Happy New Year.

Pat O'Guinn
President - Riverside Live Steamers



Along The Tracks

December Workday provided time for general track maintenance and repairs to club owned equipment.

Working out on the mainline, we had two switch crews servicing switches, Richard Ronne, Kevin Zamp, Tom Brody, and Pat O'Guinn. Track Crew Dan Williams and Brook Adams aligned and leveled the curve West of Big Pine Tree. Dan removed a kink in the rail East of Big Pine Tree. In the compound, Jerry Roth cleaned and serviced all the mainline switches thanks to Matt Ruff and his brother who collected all the locks and then returned them out on the line.

SMP Dave Bunts worked on the Hunter train line brakes. Car Repair Foreman Brook Adams started coupler spring replacement on the Hunter cars.

2021 Engine and Car storage assignments have been made. All buildings are full even if you see a track open it has been rented. If you need storage space, see Rich Casford to get on the waiting list.

MAJOR CHANGE FOR WORKDAYS AND BOARD MEETINGS:

With the restrictions on social spacing, the elimination of donuts & coffee and lunch being served to the workers it has become apparent that our regular workdays will need to be adjusted during the pandemic. At the December Board Meeting, the Directors voted a temporary change our workday schedule to the following times:

Workday 8:00AM – 10:30AM

Board Meeting 11:00AM

During the workday period, routine maintenance on track and club owned equipment will be handled. Due to COVID restrictions no major projects will be started at this time,

just routine work to be handled. Starting at 11:00 AM the Board of Directors meeting will be held outside in the compound (due to COVID restrictions). Once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted we will return to our normal schedule of Workday 8AM-Noon, lunch to the workers at Noon and Board Meeting at 1:00PM that is listed in our By-Laws. This adjustment to the start times are temporary changes only due to COVID-19 restrictions. All members are encouraged to participate in workdays and the attend the Board Meetings to learn about projects and activities at RLS. In the meantime, stay safe, wear your mask, wash your hands, social distance!

-Road 2

The 2021 Calendars are in



The Calendars are located in the Clubhouse for purchase.

Regular Wall Calendars (8.5" x 11") are \$10.00

Large calendars have already sold out. We can order more if there is enough interest to put together a order. If you didn't get one and want the larger size let me know - Brook

Run Day December 13th

O.S. Dan Williams covered the first Run Day in December. The late Fall weather did not disappoint with a beautiful day for live steam railroading.



Thanks to all that came out to participate.

**More photographs of the Run Day are available on the R.L.S. Website:
<https://riversidelivesteamers.com/>**

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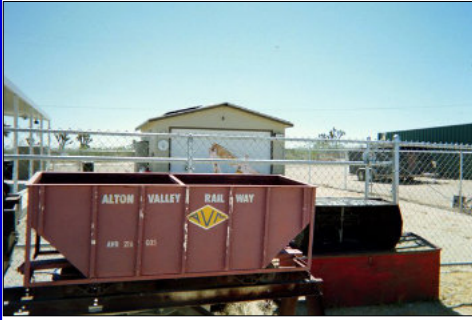
Work Day 12/19/2020

Here are a few shots of the work day provided by Chris Neiman.



Thanks to Chris and everyone that made it out. If you do want to come out for a Work Day or a Run Day make sure you are symptom free and bring your mask.

For Sale: Assorted Rolling Stock



Brown metal hopper car for \$200



Small black tank car for \$200



Wood brown hopper car for \$300



Brown wood caboose \$500



Yellow and Red Box car for \$1000.



Green Box Car for \$500.



Two Black tank cars each one is \$2500.

Please email Gail Woodward: gail080953@yahoo.com
Subject: Trains

Cash or Cashier check only please.

If you'd like larger images of the cars please email the Editor at:
rockwreckrr@roadrunner.com

Reminders

If you haven't paid your 2021 Member Dues they are overdue January 1st - get them in.

Regular Membership \$50.00

Non-Resident Membership, \$25.00

Junior Membership \$15.00.



Storage bills have been sent out be sure to get your payments in as soon as possible.

Your Dues and storage fees keep the projects rolling at RLS!

For Sale: 40' Box Car kit



Mountain Car Company 40 foot box car kit (now Titan Trains), trucks and couplers are not included \$800.00

Example of the kit and completed cars can be seen here: <https://titantrains.net/box-car-40-series-body-kit/>



For more information contact Scott Horgan at skunksmcparty@gmail.com

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January Calendar "Who Is It?"



Left photo: Tom Brody readies his engine.

Right Top: Mathew Ruff at the throttle with Jonathan Rhorbach As Brakeman .



Left Bottom: Engineer Tiffany Love, Scott Horgan on the tender, Ken Long as Brakeman and David Lazarus standing by the fuel box.

Right Bottom: Ken Long readies the Hunter, Kevin Zamp and Paul Quick fire Paul's 4-4-2, Brian Stephens is on the radio and John Gurwell Jerry Roth and Peggy Borcher are under the patio cover.

Thanks to Rich Casford, Pat O'Guinn, Joan Adams and Chris Neiman for the photos and articles in this months Chronicle.

If you have photos, an article or anything else you'd like to submit to the Chronicle please email the Editor at: rockwreckrr@roadrunner.com

Upcoming Important Dates

Jan 10th Run Day Westbound

Feb 14th Run Day Eastbound

Jan 16th Work Day - 8:00am to 10:30am, Board Meeting 11:00am

Feb 20th Work Day - 8:00am to 10:30am, Board Meeting 11:00am

Jan 24th Run Day Westbound

Feb 28th Run Day Eastbound

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The railroad is located at Hunter Park, 1496 Columbia Ave., Riverside, CA. Call (951) 779-9024 during a Run Day or Work Day for more information.

Public Run Days are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, Work Days (Fun Days) are held the Saturday following the first Run Day of the month.

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