

THE RLS CHRONICLE

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

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MARCH 1976

- MARCH 7 Hunter Class, 10:00 a.m.
11 Board Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
14 Run Day - Westbound
20 Work Day, Potluck Lunch
25 General Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
27 Annual Dinner, Knott's Berry Farm
28 Run Day - Westbound
- APRIL 4 Hunter Class, 10:00 a.m.
8 Board Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
11 Run Day - Eastbound
17 Bicentennial Run Day, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
22 General Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 p.m.
25 Run Day - Eastbound
- MAY 1 Night Run, Picnic Dinner, 4:00 p.m.

A DAY THAT ROADMASTERS DREAM ABOUT Saturday, February 28, was a bright shiny day and the temperature was perfect. To complement this perfect setting, some 26 RLS members, wives, sons and daughter turned out for a giant party complete with plenty to eat and drink.

When everyone was not busy eating, they turned to and really went to work accomplishing many important projects. Take a look at what this dedicated group finished in less than seven hours!!

1. Engine house and rest rooms cleaned.
2. Steaming areas raked and cleaned up.
3. Rail bolts installed in over 500' of track.
4. Nearly 1,200' of track leveled and/or raised.
5. Bad rail replaced on 1" main line.
6. Dozens of low joints raised on both 1" and 1-1/2" lines.
7. Main line switch repaired.
8. RLS passenger cars washed.
9. Weeds sprayed as needed.
10. Clogged culverts opened.
11. New ballast soaked with water.

There is nothing quite like a day such as this one for, although everyone was tired at the end, there was a great feeling of satisfaction in knowing that a giant step had been taken to catch up on some of our needed maintenance. Not only did a lot get accomplished, the companionship of a day like this one will long be remembered.

Making all of this possible were: Babb, Bagley, Barnes, Norma and Ken Casford, Dandurand, T and Jane Grant, Jim Keith, Kepner, Paul Lavacot, Mac McChesney, Bill and Gloria Nelson, Noble, Palmer, Penrod, Pierce, Bill and Tom Pritchett, Al, Brian, Greg and Judy Ratliff, Riesen, Beverly and Jack Sessums, Doc Smith and Zappen.

Also thanks to Arlene Dandurand, Gloria Nelson, Jane Grant, Beverly Sessums, the Ratliffs and Norma Casford for sending along all the delicious food. While it was the intention of RLS to provide the meal, these great people sent all the goodies that really set the day. Again many thanks to all for making this such a memorable day.

Our next gigantic party will be held Saturday, March 20, 9:00 a.m., RLS Engine House. You are all cordially invited to attend. We don't know if we can top the last meal, but we will try.

P.S. If you or your good wife can furnish dessert of a salad, will you please let Rich or Ken Casford know. It will help in planning.

NEW EQUIPMENT ADDITIONS TO RLS Bob and El Babb have donated to the club a beautiful dual purpose picnic table/bench unit. Set up as a table, it will easily sit eight. Taken apart, it makes into two benches.

Harold Riesen has donated and set up a dual speaker system that can be used for our general meetings. With attendance at our meetings growing, both the benches and the speakers will be of great help. Many thanks to these fine RLS members for their donations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

For a little bunch of home folks, we are doing pretty good. We certainly do enjoy ourselves on the occasions when we can get together.

Our Saturday work day last month was one of those times. The track is in much better condition to give you and your friends a smoother and safer ride. We hope that you will like it. The high spot of the day was when we sat down together for a tasty lunch, served up by the gals, a pleasant relaxing visit. If you missed it - you missed something good. And we want you to know that we missed you, too.

Dick

March 1976

To all live steam clubs in the Pacific Region of the
Brotherhood of Live Steamers

The following is a record of the important steam events
to be held throughout 1976.

Golden Gate Live Steamers - Oakland, Ca.	Spring run June 19-20 Fall run Sept 18-19
Goleta Valley Live Steamers - Santa Barbara, CA	Annual run July 9-10-11
Los Angeles Live Steamers - Los Angeles, CA	Spring run May 29-30-31 Fall run Oct 2-3
Pacific NoWest Live Steamers - Portland, Cr.	Annual run July 23-24-25
Riverside Live Steamers - Riverside, CA	Annual run Oct 24-25
Sacramento Valley Live Steamers - Sacto, CA	Spring run May 15-16 Fall run date not set
So. California Live Steamers - Lomita, CA	Spring run June 20 Fall run Sept 19

The following list of live steam clubs in the Pacific
Region are new clubs or no dates set for runs.

Alaska Live Steamers - Anchorage, Alaska	No date set
Antelope Valley Live Steamers - Lancaster, CA	No date set
Chula Vista Live Steamers - Chula Vista, CA	No date set
Inland Empire Live Steamers - Couer d'Alene, ID	No date set
Joshua Tree and Southern RR Club - Joshua Tree, CA	Appointment only

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Long Beach Live Steamers - Long Beach, CA	New club forming
Maricopa Live Steamers - Scottsdale, AZ	Facilities not complete
New Mexico Live Steamers - Albuguerque, NM	New club forming
NoWest Steam Society, Inc. - Puget Sound, WN	No facilities
Oahu Live Steamers - Honolulu, HA	New club forming
Puget Sound Live Steamers - Seattle WN	No facilities
Tri-County Live Steamers - Anaheim, CA	No facilities
Utah Live Steamers - Salt Lake City, UT	No facilities
Western Washington Live Steamers - Shelton, WN	No date set

Harry L. Dixon, Secretary
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X-TRA WORK DAY On February 21, 1976 three eager workers were at the track. Jim Keith, Bill Nelson and Bill Schneidwind.

RUN DAYS

February 8 - Rain out. Roundhouse Foreman Rich Casford reported no one running.

February 22 1" - George Lavacot, 4-6-2; Mac McChesney, 0-6-0;
Jack Sessums, 4-10-2; Doc Smith 2-4-0.

1-1/2" - Dick Bagley, 2-8-0; Leo Dandurand, 4-6-2;
Roy Penrod, 4-4-2.

Helping acting Station Master, Jim Keith - Charlie Barnes, Jeanette Bagley, Arlene Dandurand, Bill Nelson, Al Ratliff, Bill Schneidwind.

Roundhouse Foreman Rich Casford and Bob Babb working in the steaming area.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE RUN DAY Bicentennial Run April 17, 1976.

Riverside Live Steamers will participate in City of Riverside Bicentennial Week. Passenger trains will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Engines will be on static display in steaming area. Bring your engine to run or for display.