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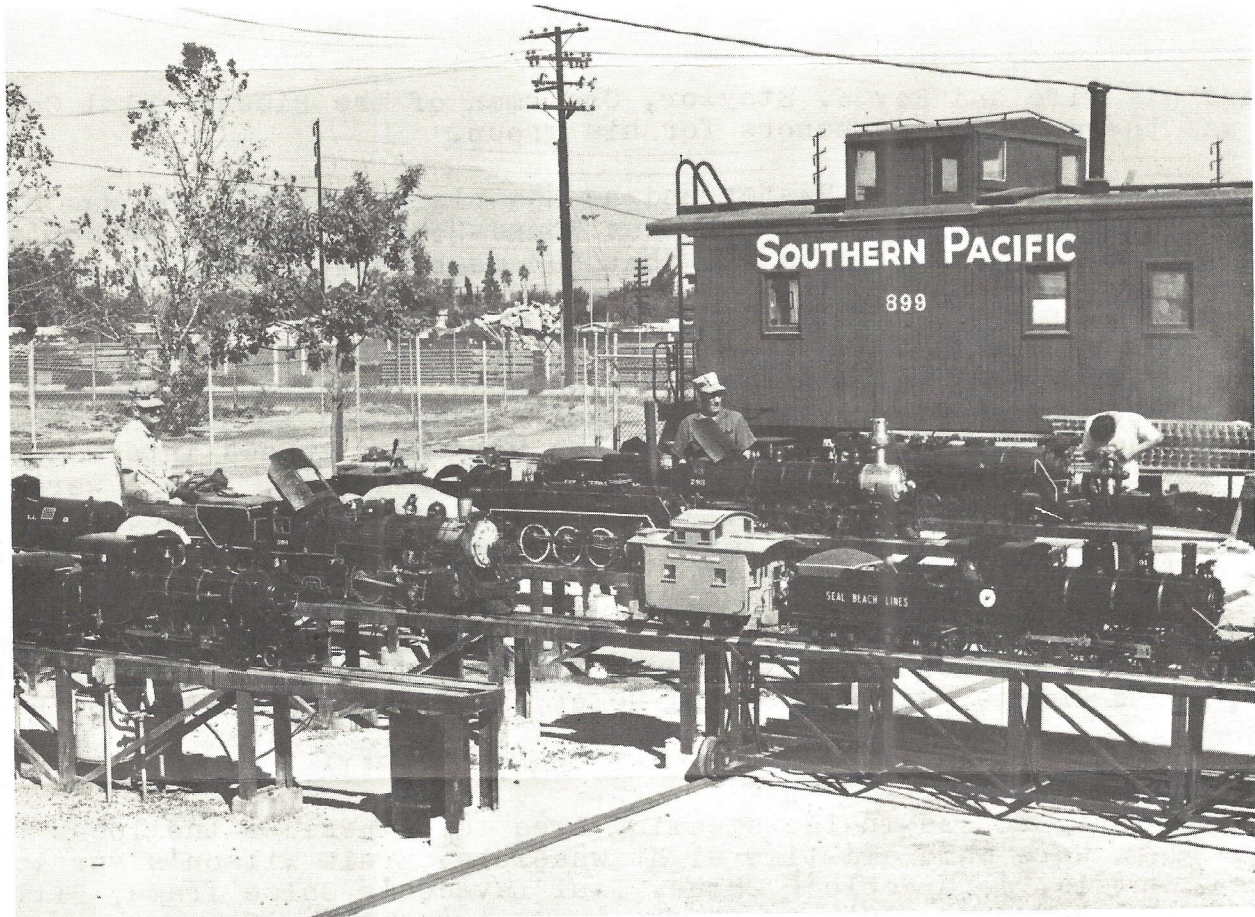


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## CITY OF RIVERSIDE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Bicentennial week in the city of Riverside was April 16 through April 23, 1976. The Riverside Live Steamers did their best to get it off with a fun time, lively start on Saturday April 17. Our photo, above, shows the steaming area that Saturday morning. The city officials arrived early to have breakfast with us in the engine house and a pleasant visit. Then they made the first trip around Hunter Park on the train. They were, Mayor pro-tem, Eric Haley and his wife; City Manager, William Cornett and wife; Park and Recreation Department Director, Eddie Brown and wife; Park Superintendent, Fred Richardson; Recreation Supervisor, Mrs. Lois Scott and other park and recreation personnel and their families.

The Chamber of Commerce was represented by the Executive Vice President, Art

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Dick Bagley, Pres., Al Ratliff, V.P., Fran Zappen, Sec., George Lavacot, Trea., Bob Babb, John Noble, Jim Keith, Jack Sessums.

Pick and his wife and Roy W. Staylor, Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee was there to do the honors for his group.

John Noble was the Station Master and he had plenty of help and was also calling for help. HELP!! Bob Babb was Round-House foreman. We don't have all the names but were glad to see that our membership was there in force to do the needed.

Fran Zappen ran his Mogul pulling an interesting freight train made up of box cars, cattle cars and tank cars and cabooses. Joe Severns had his old time Mogul pulling some old time passenger coaches and Lu Severns (not so old) hope that saves me. These two trains were just to add interest between the passenger haulers for people waiting for a ride. There were also other railroad operations such as switching and changing of locomotives for everyone to see. Somewhere in there was Bruce Ward running that beautiful little 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " scale "Invicta".

Engineers on the passenger trains were Bill Bay, Leo Dandurand, Rich and Ken Casford, Barney Root, Skip Borsuk, T. Grant, Jeanette Bagley and Dick Bagley. John Thorpe, Ken Kepner and Homer Smith ran the club loco "Hunter".

Brakemen were T. Grant, Jim Keith, Paul Vener and Bill Palmer.

There was plenty to see in the steaming area too. Besides the locos being redied, there were some old time eight wheelers, Ernie Wilson's verticle boilered whatsis, John Noble's Chloe, Paul Lavacot's Chloe frame, Bill and Tom Pritchett 4-8-2 complete running gear, just to name a few.

Fred Wilcox ran his Hudson and Mc Chesney his switch engine on the One inch line. At least once, we saw Mc and that little switch engine going by with that great string of passenger coaches built by Jack Sessums. Serves you right Jack. We saw your loco sitting there cold and lonely on display. But that's alright, it's something to see.

1362 Happy citizens of Riverside and elsewhere rode our trains. It was a beautiful day.... in many ways. Hooray for the U.S.A. And don't forget all of the nice people that you met.

JUST AS a part of our kindly service.....

We advise you to turn to the next page.....

MAY CALENDER Eastbound direction

- 7 - Night Run, picnic dinner at 4:00 PM. May 8 - WORK DAY and....  
picnic lunch !!
- 9 - Mother's Day Run - Cajon PCR Meet at RLS:
- 13 - Board Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 PM.
- 23 - Run Day
- 27 - General Meeting, Engine House, 8:00 PM.

NITE RUNS this summer are all scheduled for the first Saturday each month. That should make it easy for you and your friends to keep track of and our visitors from the other clubs might find it handy.

RUN DAYS THIS MONTH HAVE ADDED INTEREST On the 9 th we'll host the Cajon division of PCR. We have been doing this for several years and everyone has a good time. It puts a little more spice in the pie to get a taste of what others are doing. We bid you welcome.

We'll host the Campfire Girls May 23. Mrs. Jean Rosenberry heads this group. EVERYBODY likes little girls....even little girls. But here's a switch - they are bringing something to us - trees. On this occassion they will plant thirty trees in Hunter Park. They are Canary Island pines. Maybe they'll bring the song birds, too? Anyway the shade is certainly welcome and Hunter park will be more beautiful. Thank you.

You may not know..... Fred Richardson, Park Superintendent, always has our interest at heart. He never allows anyone to plant a tree without first consulting us to place them at best advantage and also to be sure that the kind of tree will not be detrimental to the railroad.

While on this subject, we'd like to take the opportunity to thank Eddie Brown. As you know, Eddie Brown is the Park and Recreation Department Director. His is a big job, with many people to answer to, yet we have found him well informed of our problems and needs and very fair in his dealing.

LADIES DEPARTMENT - SWEET STUFF You bet, Norma Casford and Irene Dandurand served those sugar coated doughnuts and the coffee to our guests, and us, on that Saturday morning, April 17. They spent most of the day at the engine house being hostesses to greet our guests and show them around.

SPRING MEETS In the spring a young man's fancy turns.....to sacramento and Los Angeles....we guess? Anyway. SVLS will have their Spring Meet on May 15 and 16. The LALS Spring Meet will be May 29 - 30 - 31. Both clubs bid you welcome, naturally, and will like to see you there. Only a few years ago it was hard to find a Live Steam club. Now, isn't it nice, that there are so many places to go. You can see different things and meet so many good people and the welcome mat is always out. Let's go!

GREEN HOUSE Tisn't green. Not yet, but Ken Casford, Roadmaster, informs us that it will be. For readers that may not know - the green house got the name from the color it was painted. It is just a small box to house the oil and water hoses and valves used to fuel locos out on the track. The original was made of wood and proved not to be vandal proof. This new one was made of steel plate by Bill and Tom Pritchett as a gift to RLS. We thank you fellows.

Please cut-out and add to your 1976 membership book

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RUN DAY MAY 25 Visitors running engines were Dave Moore and Ed Spall, both are 1½ inchers. Dave brought his K4 4-6-2 and Ed his Southern 4-6-2. RLS engineers on the 1½" line were Andy Andreu 4-6-2, Doc Creighton 4-6-2, Ron Wilkerson 2-6-0.

RLS members "running the store" at one time or another were Ernie Wilson, Joe and Lou Severns, Bob Babb and Eloise, Bill Schneidwind, Brent Noble and Pop. Jack Sessums and McChesney repaired the 1" line where an automobile had run over it.

We ran two trains with double-headers to give our visiting engineers an opportunity to pull a heavy train of passengers. They were RLS members Ron Wilkerson and Andy Andreu. Ron Double-headed with Dave Moore and Andy with Ed Spall. Ron set some kind of a record hauling 98 passengers in two trips on a 14 car train....let's see....Oh, yes, Dave Moores K4 gave him some help, I think. Andy Andreu and Ed Spall handled some heavy tonnage. It would have been a glorious day to sit by Creighton Summit and listen to the stack music.

It was a good, busy, run day and a lot of fun. As a result of our Bicentennial publicity and invitations to return, there was plenty of passengers.

A special thank you to all of our members that came out to help and to our visiting engineers. All did their part ..... John Noble, Station Master

FIRST NITE RUN OF THE YEAR and a beautiful evening it was, too. But it caught most of the clan still in hibernation we fear. Someone could sure start a booming new hobby counting the rocking chair miles made by the majority of Live Steamers.

After the picnic supper, leisurely devoured along with many un-digestible other goodies.....off into the night with engines chuffing and locomotive whistles blowing .... tra,,la....under the stars. Come on back fella.

Jack Sessums and Beverly had their classy train with all of those passenger coaches lighted. That in itself is a sight to see. Mc Chesney was running in the opposite direction with his little 0-6-0 on the one inch line. Side tracks are spaced just right so that trains can meet without too much delay.

The 1½" line also had two trains running in opposite direction. It takes good engineers, that know what they are doing (or someone to guide them) to run in opposite direction and arrange meets etc. But it's railroading at its best. On the 1½" was John Noble with that little Chloe running like madd to get into the clear for that not so much bigger consolidation on Dick Bagley's slow freight. John ran his own train, but Dick had all the help. Engineers on the 2-6-0 were Jeanette Bagley, Ron Wilkerson and Bill Palmer.

Al Easley was also on the 1½" line with his 4-4-0 but went home early. Bob and El stood watch in the steaming area and Ernie Wilson was conductor on the slow freight. Quite a few others were there but we didn't get the names and it is difficult to see just who in the dark....Paul Vener was one that we did manage to see, and Doc Creighton too.

WE ARE HAPPY DEPARTMENT John Thorpe tells us that he has brought Mrs. Thorpe home from the hospital and that she is doing quite well.

Bob and El Babb have also had their share of health problems, but seem to be doing better. Each time they come to the track they manage to stay a bit longer.

Bill Schneidwind had a couple days in the hospital. But he managed to out-run the vets and is back with us again.

Joe Severns ate too many strawberries and got the whooping cough or something. It made a few red spots on his face but will improve in time. Good luck, Joe

ON VACATION The Ratliff family is off into the country someplace. Have no fear. They will be well cared for with all of those indian guides. Have a good time folks. We'll be glad to see you when you get back.

GOLDEN GATE LIVE STEAMERS Just to remind you that spring hasn't completely sprung in May.....we want to remind you that next month, on June 19 and 20 GGLS will have their spring meet. The Southern California Live Steamers will have a spring meet June 20.

EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT but most of all is YOU. Please come out whenever you can even if it is just for a short HELLO. We'll be gald to see YOU.

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