

THE RLS CHRONICLE

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

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NO FRONT COVER PICTURE AGAIN THIS MONTH! Sorry about that. Although pictures were taken for the Chronicle, somehow they could not be processed in time for this issue. I promise, there will be a picture next month!

The lack of a cover picture showing RLS operations again emphasizes the many, many hours put into maintenance and repair this summer by a small dedicated group of RLS members. While this hard work has resulted in greatly reduced operations, much good has come out of our problems as we now have 1,320 feet of new track in the ground that we did not have at the beginning of the year.

DAMAGED TRACK REPLACED Over the weekend of September 16-17, a number of members turned out to repair and replace the vandalized main lines. The 1" crew restored all of the damaged 1" track and switch as well as raising the line about 4" under the overpass. The 1-1/2" crew replaced a switch and 260' of track. Our thanks to those members who took the time and effort to pitch in on this vital work.

Members who have been working on RLS facilities so far in September include Allen, Babb, Bagley, Carlson, Ken and Rich Casford, Ted Cranford, Creighton, Gneiting, Jim and John Keith, Krohne, Lavacot, Morgan, Piatt, Powelson, Riesen, Seimears, Sessums, Francis Smith, Talbott, Thorpe, Van Wingen, Willoughby and Wilson.

SEPTEMBER 24 WILL BE SEPTEMBER RUN DAY Because of additional work needed to restore the 1-1/2" main line, Saturday, September 23, will be devoted to completing work not finished last weekend including replacing of a small amount of track. Due to possibility of track being tied up, and work needed to be done for the October three day meet, it is hoped that Saturday can be used to concentrate on track work as there will be only three weekends available for work before the October meet. RLS could certainly use your hands this Saturday to make ready our facilities for the big meet.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1972

- 23..... Special Work Day to prepare for October meet
(Bring pliers and screwdriver)
- 24..... Run Day
- 30..... Special Work Day for October meet

OCTOBER

- 1-7-8-14-15.... Special Work Days for October meet - See article below.
- 8..... Run Day
- 12..... October Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m., Engine House
- 21-22-23..... Three Day Regional Live Steam Meet hosted by Riverside
Live Steamers, Hunter Park, Riverside

SPECIAL WORK DAYS As mentioned earlier, after this coming weekend, there will be only three weekends left to complete the work needed for the big three day regional meet. The biggest task to be accomplished in October will be raking the right of way, chopping weeds and cleaning up the engine compound. This does not have to be an organized work party, and all that is needed is for members to show up with rakes, desire and pride in RLS. If you show up at a time when you are the only one present, please let your officers know what you accomplished. It will only take 16 members to cover the railroad if they each take 600'. If 32 show up, it will not take more than an hour and a half each!

In addition to this clean up effort, a special gang will go over the track with power tools, so if you spot something that needs repair, please contact your officers or directors. We want RLS to be in top shape for this meet!

After October 23, our work schedule for the balance of the year will be blank except in case of an emergency. But in the meantime, we must all get out and do our part to make ready for October 21-22-23.

WELCOME MAT OUT FOR NEW MEMBER At the September Board Meeting, the Board voted to accept the membership application of Sgt. Kenneth G. Cantwell. Ken is stationed at Norton AFB and is an aircraft engine mechanic. He hopes to start an 1-1/2" locomotive shortly. Welcome to RLS Ken.

Speaking of new members, it was great seeing our two newest members out this past weekend doing their part to restore our damaged track. Glad to have Rudy Van Wingen and Harold Riesen joining in RLS activities already. Also, many thanks to Harold for donating several hundred drinking cups.

RUN DAY CHANGES VOTED BY BOARD At the September Board Meeting, it was moved and voted to change official RLS run days to second Sunday and fourth Sunday of each month. Since there has been considerable confusion among the public and live steamers as to when our run days have been, it is hoped this will clear up the confusion. Saturday running before the Sundays will continue but because so few have been operating on Saturdays, the Board felt that designation of Sundays only would be made.

AUGUST RUN DAYS HUGE SUCCESS One of the best run days in a long time was enjoyed by all in August. Featuring a Saturday evening picnic and night time running, many members and their families enjoyed a fine two day run session. Many expressed disappointment that more Saturday evening events had not been planned for this year, but the heavy construction program in the park kept the track out of service on Saturdays most of the summer.

Members participating in the August run days were Allen (4-6-2), Babb, Bagley, Carlson (4-6-2), Ken and Rich Casford (4-6-2), Ted Cranford (4-4-4), Creighton (4-6-4), Gneiting, Hildebrandt, Jim Keith, Kepner, Krohne (0-4-0), Lavacot (4-6-2), Piatt (4-4-2), Powelson, Root (2-8-4), Seimears (4-6-2), Sessums (4-10-2), Francis Smith, Talbott, Thorpe, Truman and Wilson.

Getting a good work out were two new engines, Sessums 1" SP 5000 class 4-10-2 using steam from Andy Carlson's 4-6-2 and Frank Krohne's new 0-4-0. Both got a lot of miles in. Andy and Jack's guest Glen Lane also operated his 1" 0-4-0T on Saturday. Lavacot all smiles with 4-6-2.

A beautiful sight on Sunday was looking out on the railroad and seeing two 1" and seven 1-1/2" locomotives including the Hunter 4-8-4 steaming along all over the park. The Public trains handled 329 passengers.

LABOR DAY RUN DAYS No operation on Saturday, but Sunday and Monday saw considerable action. Not many passengers to haul with only 386 hauled during two days. Hunter 4-8-4 getting another workout after receiving some attention in the morning.

Members in attendance were Allen (4-6-2), Babb, Bagley, Ken & Rich Casford (4-6-2), Ted Cranford (4-4-4), Creighton, Gneiting, Hildebrandt, Jim Keith, Krohne (0-4-0), Lavacot, Piatt (4-4-2), Powelson Root (2-8-4), Riesen, Sessums, Francis Smith, Thorpe, Wilkerson, Willoughby and Wilson.

WITH THE MEMBERS Pleased to report that Francis Smith is hale and hearty again. Biggest problem is to remind Smitty he had a severe heart attack in August and to keep shovel or broom out of his hands.

John Keith is recovering from surgery in July, and is almost 100% again. While recuperating, John built a new track car for leveling the track that is really something. Jack Sessums supplied the wheels and we have a new tool that will make track maintenance a lot easier. The car was used by 1" crew on 9/16, and when asked their comments on the car, it was an enthusiastic "It's great!!" Many thanks men.

Bob and Elouise Babb have returned from a three month trip that took them nearly 10,000 miles. Saw Ed Nelson in Wisconsin and report he is too busy at work to do anything on his engines. Too bad Ed. Bob wasn't back but a few days until his magic hands had installed a new ventilator in the compressor house, installed new lights in the comp. house, repaired the compressor, realigned the engine storage tracks so that 1-1/2" locomotives will fit on Track No. 1., stripped a lot of rail from old track and repaired damaged switch.

Clarence Talbott has purchased 1-1/2" loco from Bill Barrows. He and his wife were featured on Channel 4 TV coverage of LALS recently.

Ron Wilkerson stopped by to visit and pick up his car which is to be rebuilt. Ron has been bothered with back trouble again, but is hoping to get active again this fall after his vacation.

BY LAW CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON AT SEPTEMBER MEETING Two By-Law changes outlined at the General Meeting in August that would increase yearly dues to \$15.00 and increase initiation fee \$5.00 yearly will be voted upon at the General Meeting, Thursday, September 28.

BULK OIL TANK IN SERVICE The bulk oil tank donated by Jim Keith and filled with fuel oil by Barney Root is now in use and will be a big improvement in locomotive fueling. Many thanks men for your fine contributions.

WANTED: ONE 1-1/2" FREIGHT TRUCK As reported to you recently, the loss of the one truck from the weed car the night of September 9 poses a serious problem to RLS. If you have a truck, or parts that would make up a truck, and would like to donate it to the club, may we please hear from you. Donation of this item would solve many problems.

EXPANDED PASSENGER SERVICE Efforts will again be made to start new and additional passenger service on Sunday, October 8. At least two locomotives will be available, and train crews will be needed.

ONE CABOOSE STILL AVAILABLE More than \$93.00 made its way into the RLS treasury as a result of selling the caboose kits. There is one unsold kit left. If interested, contact Ken Casford. Price \$19.00.

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT FUND Through the financial support of the following men, RLS now has a fine new power hack saw and bench grinder. The club owes a vote of thanks for this fine support.

Babb
Bredehoft
Casford, Ken
Casford, Rich
Cranford, Ted
Creighton
Crownier
Day
Easley
Garner

Gneiting
Helms
Johnson
Keith, Jim
Keith, John
Lavacot
McChesney
Morgan
Pickett
Reese

Root
Rout
Seimears
Smith, Leonard
Stroud
Talbot
Thomas
Thorpe
Willoughby
Harry Dixon (BLS)
Anonymous - 1

OCTOBER BIG MONTH FOR LIVE STEAMERS October will be a busy month with LALS hosting their fall meet October 7-8, the national Brotherhood meet back east on October 14-15, RLS regional meet on October 21-22-23, and LALS hosting the NMRA on October 28.

Speaking of our own meet, don't fail to get the work slips into either Ted Cranford or Ken Casford by October 1. This meet will require a lot of work, and we would like to eliminate need for member follow up.

NAME TAGS FOR WIVES Some months ago, it was proposed that name tags be prepared for the wives. The suggestion died due to an underwhelming response. Now, however, a number of wives are asking how to get name tags. They will cost \$2.50 plus tax with the wife's name and RLS shown on a 1" x 3" tag with pin. Orders should be sent to Ken Casford, 8203 Edmaru, Whittier, CA 90602. Orders placed now will be ready for the three day meet.

RLS THREE DAY MEET BROCHURE AVAILABLE As a part of this Chronicle you will find a brochure prepared for our meet. This has been sent to all live steam clubs and manufacturers in this area. However, if you know someone that might come, give him your copy. More available from Secty.

September 12, 1972

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL RLS MEMBERS:

Summer 1972 has been a rough period for RLS what with widespread construction in the park and destruction of the tunnel trackage the last of July requiring an urgent program to complete the tunnel by-pass. However, with dedication of 21 members who have put in many many long, hot hours, more than 960' of new track has been placed this summer, a period that most members avoid RLS because of the heat. These 21 members put aside personal discomfort and inconvenience to insure that trains could once again roll for the enjoyment of all.

With great anticipation for starting train service on the second Sunday of each month effective September 10, members Krohne, Piatt, Babb, Francis Smith and Ken Casford were ready to start this new service this past Sunday. But anticipation was short lived.

Some time during the night of September 9, vandals tore up 20' of track east of the Marlborough crossing pad. This track was located nearly a block away in an orange grove. Saddened by the sight, engineer Krohne with passengers Smith and Casford reversed their trip to check out the lower loop only to find approximately 60' of the 1" main line under the overpass torn out of the ground, bent and kinked, including a switch pulled out of a concrete base. Down the hill to the 1-1/2" crossing revealed that 60' of 1-1/2" track including the switch where the lower loop joins the main line had been completely destroyed! In addition, the compound was entered and one truck from the 1-1/2" set for the weed car had been stolen.

The police and city officials of Riverside have stepped up plans to increase patrolling of the park, and we hope that they will be successful in stopping this wanton and stupid destruction of RLS track.

While comprehensive plans are being put into operation by Riverside officials, it is urgent that as many members as possible turn out this Saturday, September 16, for our regularly scheduled work day so repairs may be made to the railroad. With sufficient members on hand, not only can we repair this damage, but great strides can be made in completing the work in time for the October 21-22-23 run day which is only four weekends away!!!!

Please plan to be on hand by 9:00 a.m., Saturday, and bring with you a screwdriver and pliers for tightening rail bolts; a leaf rake for raking the right-of-way; and shovels for helping raise low rail joints and digging up weeds in the track. We will concentrate on the outer 1-1/2" main line and 1" trackage. As soon as this trackage has been worked on, the lower 1-1/2" loop and general house cleaning will be all that is necessary to complete before our visitors arrive.

Our first three day regional run day is just around the corner, and with a little effort from a lot of members, the work necessary to have us in good shape will not be a burden on anyone. We have 26 members in the local area who have not participated in any work days this year, and we are specially asking for your participation in the few remaining work weekends before our meet. We will be working every weekend between now and October 15 making preparations. Won't you spare at least two weekends for RLS between now and then?

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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THREE DAY FALL MEET
WORK ASSIGNMENTS

A little more than five weeks from now our first regional live steam meet will be under way. For those who have attended similar meets throughout the country, the amount of work necessary to put on these meets is quite apparent, not only during the meet, but the days prior as well.

This fall meet will be a new experience for all of us at RLS. With all of us pitching in and doing our share to make our guests welcome and to encourage them to return in the future, the stature of RLS will be greatly enhanced throughout the country. This is our chance to show the rest of the country that RLS is second to none!

The following is a breakdown of our major responsibilities for the meet, and you are requested to indicate work areas that you prefer. Every effort will be made to set up work assignments to insure that each member will have an opportunity to work as well as enjoy the meet. We need at least 8 hours of service from each member, and efforts will be made to set up assignments so you are assigned to only one four hour shift per day. If you cannot be at the club on all three days, please indicate those days you will be there.

As it is customary for the host club to allow guests maximum use of the trackage, certain changes in our operating procedures will be made and you will be advised of these changes as time draws near. In accordance with our long standing regulations, all hauling of the general public will be restricted to RLS operated trains. A separate operation for registered guests will be set up to insure their having maximum opportunities to ride over the RLS trackage.

Please complete this form and return to either Ted Cranford, Box 527, Colton, CA 92324 or Ken Casford, 8203 Edmaru, Whittier, CA 90602, no later than October 1, 1972. Follow up will be made on those not replying, so your cooperation is appreciated to eliminate more work.

NAME _____ Phone Number _____

I am available: AM _____ PM _____ Saturday, October 21
AM _____ PM _____ Sunday, October 22
AM _____ PM _____ Monday, October 23

I would like to work: _____ Depot; _____ Engine Compound; _____ Trains;
_____ Operations; _____ Security; _____ Housing; _____ Public Relat.
_____ Anywhere I can help

_____ Registration (This is an area where wives can be used with great effectiveness. If your wife can work a shift, please let us know AM or PM and date.) Registration hours 8:00 to 5:00 p.m., with meet hours approximately the same.

Any suggestions for the meet?

COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 1972 - Thanks

