

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

April 2021



Inbound at Allen's Valley

Jonathan Rohrbach eases number 919 into the fuel siding at Allen's Valley on the March 14th Run Day

STAY SAFE WEAR YOUR MASK WASH YOUR HANDS!



From The Cupola

It's time that we all took a deep breath now that we're a few month's past 2020. I've tried not to dwell on this subject to much in the Chronicle but last year was one for the books.

The pandemic is not over yet but 2021 is a year for optimism. 1. You're still alive. 2. You're interest in live steam is still alive. 3. You'll get a shot this year that will save your life. 4. Riverside Live Steamers will slowly return to normal with more and more members returning to fire up their beasts and polish the rails on our great railroad.

WORK DAY/BOARD MEETING March 20, 2021

My dad always told me if you can't find something to do grab a broom and start sweeping. Lot's to do at RLS though. Brook Adams, Chris Neiman, Bill Hesse, and Jerry did various jobs around the compound. Bob Roberts, Dave Bunts and myself placed and secured the parking bumpers in Allen's Valley. Dave Bunts did some inspecting on the fuel storage tank. Richard Ronne performed switch maintenance out on the railroad. I also did some track maintenance near Hunter Station. We can always use more help on workdays. The board meeting ended about 11:40.

On Wednesday March 24 Dave Bunts had the diesel storage tank pressure tested for suspected leaks. No apparent leaks were found. For those of you who don't know, the storage tank consists of the main tank for fuel storage and an outer tank to contain any leakage. Last work day Dave found diesel fuel in the outer tank. Someone may have inadvertently dumped fuel in the outer tank. The pipe opening in the top of the outer tank is now caped to prevent this from happening. If you're going to put diesel fuel back in the storage tank be sure to put it in the main storage tank. Dave showed the tank testing guy or live steam facility and he was so impressed that he didn't charge RLS for the testing.

RUN DAY MARCH 28, 2021

It wasn't the Spring Meet but Spring has definitely sprung. The park was crowded with lots of sports enthusiasts and lots and lots of children. So you engineers be extra cautious when running your trains around the park. You know how the kiddies like to put things on the rails.

It was nice to see families get together for a picnic and some train rides. RLS had the Kunz family, the Ferguson family and the Oliver family. This made for a lot of activity at Allen's Valley.

April looks like a very good month for RLS. See you at the track as they say.

Remember Covid-19 protocols are still in effect . Wear your mask, social distance and wash your hands often.

Patrick O'Guinn - President Riverside Live Steamers

This Month in Railroad History...

April 26th 1905

The San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad (which later became part of Union Pacific Railroad) signs an agreement to operate over the California Southern Railroad's track through Cajon Pass via trackage rights.



Along The Tracks

The Roadmaster was in Chama, NM for the March Workday and Board Meeting however work was still accomplished on the railroad. Rear Parking Lot bumpers were installed to prevent cars & trucks from driving onto the car lead to David's Yard. Alignment at both ends of Hunter Station was handled by President Pat. Richard Ronne was out maintaining switches. Fuel tank was inspected along with new fuel filters in Allen Valley fuel boxes. A new design for the Panorama Point Shelter benches has been submitted to the City for approval, to replace the wood benches with metal benches.

April Position Highlight: The position of Compound Supervisor is one that is very important to the general operation of RLS and the steaming area. For the past, several years our Compound Supervisor is Bob Roberts, with assistance from Chris Neiman. Bob has made sure the facilities are clean and ready for the membership to use. Working many times on off days, the engine house gets cleaned along with the restrooms, supplies restocked, trash hauled to the rear parking lot. Chris spent most of his time during the complete closure of RLS to make sure the weeds did not take over the compound, trimmed the trees for easy walking. Bob also doubles in the security dept along with former CS leaders Brook Adams and Bill Hesse. We all need to remember that the Compound Supervisors are not our mothers, so we all need to do our part in helping keep the steaming area clean. So, remember the next time you arrive at the compound, those empty trash cans, clean restrooms and good security just does not

happen by chance! All the members need to give a shout out to the Compound Supervisors for their hard work in making RLS a great place.

Run Day reminder: Now that summer is almost here and the public is starting to come out to the park, all engineers and crew members need to be alert for kids placing rocks on the track. We are still closed for public operations. If any member of the public asks for a ride, just tell them at this time we are still closed due to COVID-19 restrictions by the State and City.

The RLS facilities will be closed completely on Easter Sunday, April 4th, including the compound due to huge picnic crowds in the park.

Plan now to join us on the April 17, 2021 Workday and Board Meeting starting at 8:00 AM for the Workday and 11:00 AM for Board meeting. All RLS members are welcome at the board meeting.

In the meantime, stay safe, wear your mask, wash your hands, social distance!
- **Road 2**

Sunshine Report:



At the Board Meeting Tom Lebs let everyone know that his wife Gabi took a tumble earlier in the month and fractured her shoulder. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

If you know of a member that may not be doing well, under the weather or in need of cheering up please contact Glenn Maness or John Gurwell.

Run Day - 3/14/21

Operating Superintendent of the day Dave Bunts noted that the weather for this Sunday Run Day as “eh”.



There were seven locomotives out in the steaming bays with six of them making it out on to the railroad.

Locomotives out for the day were Kim Ziepke and his 4-8-4, Richard Ronne’s Pacific, Brook Adams and Scott Horgan with Scott at the throttle of the 4-6-4, Steve Borcher got his 2-6-2 out on the rails. Bob Chamberlain was on the cushion of his 4-4-2. Richard Miller worked on his 0-6-0 and Charlie Kennemer fired up his Mogul.



Other members out on the run day were Micah Carrier, Jonathan Rohrbach, Bob Roberts, Jim Kreider and Glenn Maness. Family members Shelby and Shane Ziepke came out with Kim to run his Northern.



Run Day - 3/28/21

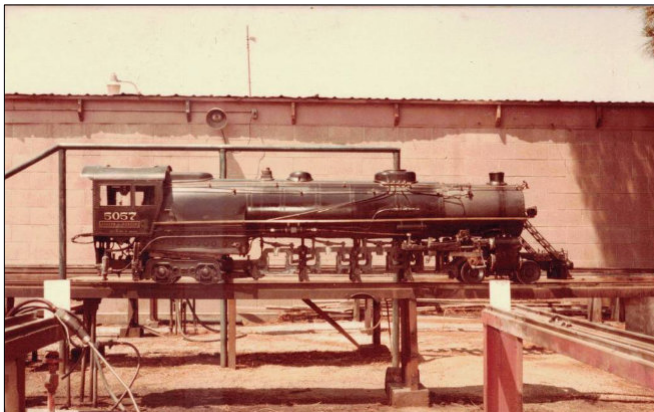
The first Run Day of spring saw the daytime temperatures at Hunter Hobby Park climbing to 89 degrees.

Operating Superintendent Pat O’Guinn was on duty at 7:40am. Even though some of our “Run Day Regulars were up in Ridgecrest for the Sagebrush Shortline Spring Meet. It was a good turn out of folks given the current COVID-19 restrictions. Out on the railroad were Richard Ronne with Sean and Steven Hagen running Richards Pacific, Chandler Kunz was at the throttle of his 4-4-0, Tom Lawson was running his Berkshire, Paul Quick fired up his 4-4-2, Wes Peterson received a boiler check on his recently purchased Mogul, Richard Miller was out on the rails with his 0-6-0 switcher and Sam Ferguson fired up the Pine Creek 4-6-0.

Other members out enjoying the day were Jerry Roth, Gary Mocko, Jim Krieder, Patty Ruyle, George Bartlow, Jim Wood and Glenn Maness as well as the Kunz family, Ferguson family and the Oliver family.

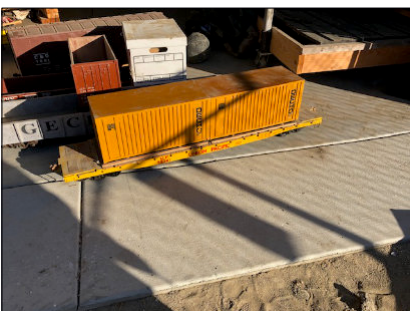
Thanks to everyone that helped out and made it out to make the day run smoothly.

Getting in to those nooks and crannies...



Sometimes you need a quick wash or maybe a shower, other times nothing hits the spot like kicking off your shoes and getting a steam clean (if you are a loco that is). Back in 1984 John Thorpe gave the 5057 a thorough cleaning with the ever handy steam pipe. The end result is the rarely seen in the wild, grime free chassis of a 4-0-4.

For Sale: 1 Inch Equipment... Almost gone!



These are the cars Gail has remaining: Gecko Belt Gondola, Drop center flatcar includes a boat seat and there is just one flatcar with container left.

All three cars for one price of \$1,000.00. Cash only, you'll need to pick them up at Gail's house only, no delivery.

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

April Calendar

“Who Is It?”



Top Left photo: Mark Spaulding and David Moore get ready to take the Challenger out on the railroad.

Right Top: Engineer Brian Stephens with Dale Chamberlain and Jerry Roth as Brakeman.

Left Bottom: Neal Mauer at the throttle of his locomotive.

Right Bottom: Ken Long as Brakeman on the Hunter Train.

Thanks to Pat O’Guinn, Rich Casford and Joan Adams 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

April 11th Run Day Eastbound

May 9th Run Day Westbound

April 17th Work Day - 8:00am to 10:30am, Board Meeting 11:00am

May 15th Work Day - 8:00am to 10:30am, Board Meeting 11:00am

April 25th Run Day Eastbound

May 23rd Run Day Westbound

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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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