

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

May 2021



Eastbound to Columbia

Andrew Martin and his son Wyatt getting ready to head out on the railroad

STAY SAFE WEAR YOUR MASK WASH YOUR HANDS!



From The Cupola

What does it take to run a club like Riverside Live Steamers? Well first of all it takes a group of like minded individuals interested in operating live steam equipment, mostly steam locomotives. With about a mile or two of main line and yard tracks located in a public park, steaming bays, storage barns, air compressors, fuel pumps, fuel storage etc. etc. it takes the hard work of its members to make it all come together.

What else does it take? At the last meeting the board approved buying a couple of fairly expensive items. Our ever vigilant treasurer Mr. Adams pointed out that although we could budget these items for now one of the clubs consistent revenue streams (donations from hauling the public) has dried up because of Covid 19 restrictions.

We need to start planning for the return of public trains. If all restrictions are lifted no problem. But when will that day be? The following are some ideas for reopening. These are just ideas. What are your ideas. Write them down and bring them to the next club meeting and we can have a discussion.

RUNNING TRAINS ON A SCHEDULE

Trains would depart on the hour and half hour. 10, 10:30, 11:00 etc. If two trains are operating the second train would depart 15 minutes later.

STATION MANAGEMENT

Signage for masking and social distancing would be placed at the station entrance and inside the waiting area.

A willing club member would be stationed at the main station entrance **AND ONLY ALLOW ENOUGH PEOPLE IN THE WAITING AREA FOR THE NEXT DEPARTING TRAIN.** Families could occupy one or more cars. Individuals would be assigned to occupy one car for themselves.

REROUTING TRAINS FOR SHORTER TRIPS

By utilizing the Vandenberg crossovers to run a shorter route on say three trips and the forth trip a normal route for fuel at Allen's Valley we could increase capacity. A switch tender would be needed at the Vandenberg crossovers.

What are you ideas? We'd all like to hear them. See you at the track.

Patrick O'Guinn - President
Riverside Live Steamers





Along The Tracks

The Roadmaster was still in Chama, NM for the April Workday and Board Meeting however

work was still accomplished on the railroad.

Track alignment was completed in the Palm Garden area on the figure 8 track pattern, and both ends of Hunter Station mainline tracks were tamped with the power tamper.

Work was also started on the fuel tank cleaning. As this issue of the Chronicle goes to press the diesel fuel system is out-of-service. Oil Burning locomotive owners will need to bring their own fuel. Please use yellow diesel fuel containers when you bring fuel onto the property. **DO NOT USE red containers for diesel fuel.**

May Position Highlight: Over the years that RLS has been in operation it is a proven medical fact that attending RLS events such as Run Days and Workdays have a great medical benefit to the members well-being. Many of us have seen how a member had a medical procedure and seemed to recovery better once they could return to the railroad if nothing else to watch trains go by or visit with other members out of the house.

With that in mind, several years ago the appointed position of Sunshine Coordinator was created to try and keep track of the membership when someone took ill or had family issues that a get-well card would be uplifting. Recently John Gurwell volunteered to help Glenn Maness who has served in the Sunshine position for many years. Both John and Glenn can only do their job of encouraging the

members when a situation is reported to them. If you are aware of a member who is ill or needs an encouragement greeting, please let John or Glenn know. Thanks to John & Mary Gurwell you all should have received a color postcard from RLS. RLS is truly a caring place.

Run Day reminder: Now that summer is almost here, all engineers and crew members need to be alert for kids placing rocks on the track. 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. We are working with the City to determine if any changes in operating restrictions can be made as more people are getting the vaccinated to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Plan now to join us on the May 15, 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.

- **Road 2**

This Month in Railroad History



May 10th 1869 the ceremonial last spike of the Transcontinental Railroad was driven in with the Presidents of the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific on hand.

Run Day - 4/11/21

Operating Superintendent of the day Dan Williams got his Run Day started at 7:15am under cool and cloudy conditions.



Twenty seven members stopped by throughout the day with eleven engines out on the steaming bays and many making it out on to the railroad.



Members in attendance were Richard Ronne, Paul Quick, Richard Miller, Steve Borchert, Peggy Borchert, Brain Stephens, Tom Brody, Wes Peterson, Andrew Martin, Rich Casford, Gary Mocko, Mark Spaulding, Bob Chamberlain, Tom Lebs, Steve Hagen Sean Hagen, Jerry Roth, Ron Wilkerson Bob Beard, Glenn Maness, Brook Adams. Jim Wood, Jim Krieder and his sister Patty Ruyle and Bill Hesse.

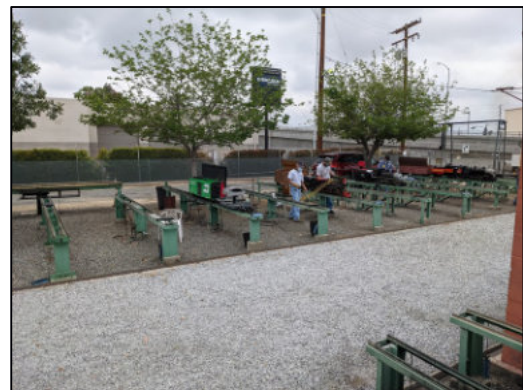
Run Day - 4/25/21

Operating Superintendent Chris Neiman was out at the railroad by 6:45am to get the day started but he wasn't the first one there. That title goes to Mr. Tom Lebs who was at the railroad at 06:07am to set the switches for the Run Day direction



and inspect and clear the railroad right of way of debris for the day.

The Run Day saw eight locomotives out on the railroad including Sean Hagen's recently re-boilered Consolidation. Other members and family out enjoying the day were:



Glenn Maness Tiffany Love Lex Neiman Patty Ruyle, Jim Krieder, Chris Enright, Tyler Enright Clark Rohrbach, Jonathan Rohrbach, Jim Wood, Gus Farwick, Steve Borchert, Tom Brody, Brook Adams, Ron Wilkerson, Dave Bunts, John Gurwell, Jerry Roth, Pat O'Guinn, Scott Horgan, Bob Chamberlain, Richard Miller, Paul Quick, Steve Hagen, Mark Spaulding, Richard Ronne.



As Hunter Hobby Park becomes busier as we approach the summer season this would be a good time to review your RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS SAFETY RULES. Here are just a few.

102. All members participating the operations the railroad shall have a copy the safety rules in their possession.

206. Engines and trains following each other must keep a minimum separation distance of 100 feet.

211. MAIN LINE SWITCHES

b. All switches must be returned to the normal position after use. (Normal position is the designated route of the day).

Remember to review your safety rules periodically.

Pat O'Guinn - President Riverside Live Steamers

In the Back-shop

At the April Board meeting we found out a few members have been "down for repairs". For those that didn't make it out to the Board meeting here is an update:

Doug Prescott had suffered a stroke last month but is doing good after "boiler wash" and blow down" at the hospital.

George Pruitt fell and broke his leg the first of April. Linda says he is on track for weight bearing early June. She also says he's getting a unique perspective running machines from his wheel chair.

Tom Lebs said that his wife is doing better after her shoulder injury

Tom also said that Chuck Kennemer is having issues with his back and was scheduled for an MRI.

For Sale:

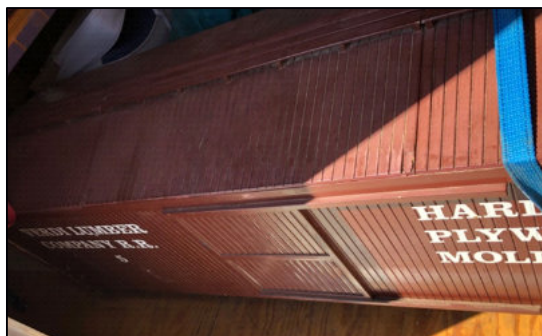


Little Engines Mogul with tender and propane fuel car, great steamer, \$10000.

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May Calendar

"Who Is It?"



Top Left photo: Scott Horgan Tom Brody and Jonathan Rohrbach.

Right Top: Richard Ronne covering Brakeman duties.

Left Bottom: Brook Adams on the Hunter public train Westbound out of Columbia.

Right Bottom: Steve Borchert at the throttle of his 2-6-0 headed to Panorama.

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

May 9th Run Day Westbound

June 13th Run Day Eastbound

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

June 19th Work Day - 8:00am to 10:30am, Board Meeting 11:00am

May 23rd Run Day Westbound

June 27th 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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