

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

August 2021



Passenger Service Returns

Rich Casford at the throttle of his 4-8-4 brings the Hunter passenger train into Allen's Valley

SAFETY FIRST



From The Cupola

I hope everyone had a great July and were able to get together with family and friends for the forth of July.

July was a productive month at RLS. We had a good turnout for the workday on July 17. We had enough members turnout to remove the old north crossover switch at Vandenberg, (or is it the south crossover) in any case it was great to see so many members working together to remove the old switch, regrade, and place the new and improved crossover switch in record time. We were all a little late for lunch but we had to get the track back in service for the next runday. Some more regrading and cleanup work needs to be done on the next workday. See you then.

Part of mission at RLS is being an education tool and to demonstrate what the live steam in RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS is all about. At the board meeting John Gurwell volunteered to cut open an old boiler he has to display at Hunter station on run days. What a great idea. The board approved the funding to build a portable display stand for the boiler so we can easily move it around.



Manny Caldera will be holding a Brakeman's class on Sunday August 22nd beginning at 9 a.m. sharp.

If you are interested in being a qualified brakeman for public trains or just want to improve your knowledge about operations I urge you to attend.

You can contact Mr. Caldera at: mannycaldera@yahoo.com or Mr. Dan Williams at: dww4708@cox.net

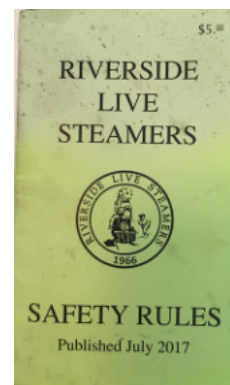
With a Brakeman's class coming up in August I thought we would review RULE 224.

- indicates long sound

Sound Meaning

- (a) o o When standing - start
- (b) o o When running - stop
- (c) o o o When standing - back up
- (d) o o o When running - train has parted
- (e) o o o o When running - reduce speed
- (f) - When running-look back for hand signal

**Patrick O'Guinn -
President Riverside
Live Steamers**





Along The Tracks

The return to normal workdays and Board Meeting times was a huge success on Saturday, July 17, 2021. RLS was ready to go back to work and continue to improve the facilities and track.

The major project of the day was to install the second switch for the new Vandenberg Crossover and connecting track. We had installed the first switch on the February 15, 2020, workday, with the remaining switch and trackage was to be installed at the March 14, 2020, workday. On March 13, 2020, the world came to a stop with the COVID-19 Pandemic closures of all activities.

Seventeen months later we were able to complete the project. With an outstanding crew of 17 members, we were able to pull the old switch, install the new switch and the connector track all before the Board Meeting started at 1:00PM in the engine house.

The track crew and support crew of Tom Lebs, Doug Prescott, Marty Berg, Jack Berg, Dan Williams, Brook Adams, Tom Brody, Mark Spaulding, Dave Bunts, Steve Borchert, Tom Lawson, Glenn Maness, Bill Hesse, Richard Ronne, Pat O'Guinn, new member Tom Crue and Roadmaster Casford handled the project as if we had never stopped in 2020.

Bill Hesse and Tom Lebs also worked on the Panorama Point Shelter and Benches for the replacements from wood to metal.

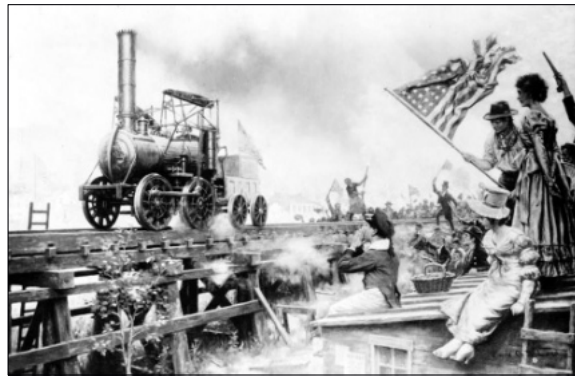
The RLS payroll service of Donuts & Coffee has also returned to workdays. In addition, lunch to the workers has been restored. Thanks to Glenn Maness for handling the lunch duties.

Plan now to join us on Saturday, August 14, 2021, for Workday and Board Meeting. With 5 Sundays in August, Run Days will be August 8th & 22nd workday August 14th per the calendar.

- Road 2

This Month in Railroad History

August 8, 1829: The Stourbridge Lion, first steam locomotive imported into the US, is tested along tracks built by the Delaware and Hudson company.



Happy Anniversary!!

Here are the membership anniversaries for August:

Brendon Hilton	27 years
Aaron Caldera	8 Years
Owen Cascarelli	6 Years
Ken Long	6 Years
Tom Brody	5 years
Bob Chamberlain	5 years

Congratulations and Thank You for your support of RLS.

Message from the Compound Supervisor/ Security

It is hot out there! Just about anything you touch will be very hot. Remember to drink plenty of water while working on or running your train. Also have a good set of glove on that fit well and allow you to properly operate your controls. Okay, done with the safety awareness.

I need your help to keep the compound clean. All of the big trash barrels have been put back into use and have liners in them. When you need to put trash in them make sure it gets into the liner. If you don't see the liner, look in the bottom and see if it just fell down and please pull it back up. If there is not liner in the barrel use the next closest one or go and get a liner. A little help from each one of you will be a great help to me when cleaning the compound.

Recycling, it saves the club money. We pay CRV for every bottle of water or soda we buy for your consumption. If I put a barrel near steaming bay 13 for mixed water and soda containers would it help keep them out of the trash cans? Please send feedback on this to the board. I will get one if it will help.

Be safe out there

- Bob Roberts



**Riverside Live
Steamer
Brakemen Class
August 22 2021,
9:00 a.m.
(Sunday Run-Day)**

Training Instructor:
Manny Caldera

Sign up sheet is located in the Clubhouse on the soda machine.

From the Car Foreman

As we ease into regular runday operations I'd like to remind everyone of the procedures for identifying a bad order car.

If you discover an issue while running a car belonging to the Club please go to Barney's Barn on the North wall is a holder with Red Service Tags in it.



Take a service tag, fill out the top and bottom, tear off the bottom and stick that into the clip holder on the box then attach the tag to the bad order car so that it can be clearly seen by other members or myself (attaching on or near the coupler works great).

Once you've tagged the car please give me a heads up.

- Brook

OLD-TIMEY RAILROAD LINGO

BEANERY—Railroad eating house. Beanery Queen is a waitress.

CINDER CRUNCHER—Switchman or flagman.

COW CAGE—Stock car.

DOGHOUSE—Caboose or its cupola

DROP A LITTLE "RUN-FAST"—Oil the engine

END MAN—Rear brakeman on freight train

FIRE BOY—Locomotive fireman

GIVE HER THE GRIT—Use sand

GOAT—Yard engine.

GREASE THE PIG—Oil the engine.

HACK—Caboose

Run Day Recap - 7/11/21

A big thanks to Tom Lebs who was at the track at 6:30AM to set switches and clear the grade crossings.

2 trains out on the railroad, 15 people out for the entire day with no more than 8 folks at any given time in and around the Compound.

Sean Hagen and his dad Steve were first on the railroad (about 9:00) and were "Kings of the Rails" until Wes Peterson made it out at about 11:30am.

Neither train crew reported any issues with the railroad at all.

The Superintendent of Motive Power did a boiler check on Ron Wilkerson's 2-6-0 Grand Canyon locomotive.

Doug Prescott spent the better part of the day working on his cars in David's Yard - he did pull his new Pacific out to work on that around 12:30pm.

Weeds and general maintenance were attended to as the Run Day progressed.

The Car Foreman dropped off the repaired straddle car.

Everyone was in by 2:30pm, the temp was 103 degrees. I turned the Compound over to Richard Ronne at about 2:45-ish and headed home.

Thanks to all that showed up and helped out.

- Brook



Run Day Recap - 7/25/21

Run Day Recap July 25, 2021-Lots of Operating Superintendent's Day.

We are back running public trains after a 17 month delay due to the pandemic!

SMP Dave Bunts fired up the Hunter and Sean Hagen brought his new 2-8-0 out for the two public trains. Unfortunately, the Hunter developed a steam delivery line problem upon reaching Allen's Valley to get her train.

Quick meeting of the minds in the AV, had OS Casford turn over operational control of the railroad to the SMP. Casford then proceeded to steam up his Santa Fe #2926 to replace the Hunter locomotive in passenger service.

While #2926 was building steam, Sean Hagen started public service. This was a soft opening for RLS to remember how to run passenger trains!! We did not announce that we were open for the day with a 10 AM - 2PM running times.

With the #2926 and Sean's engine we handle 130 passengers. Just like riding a bike, it all came back to us on how to work passengers and freight trains.

Engines under steam were Sean Hagen 2-8-0, Richard Ronne 4-6-2, Steve Borchert 2-6-0, Rich Casford 4-8-4, Chuck Kennemer Vertical engine.

We had lots of help setting up and brakeman for the public trains. Plan now to join us on August 8th for our next public run day.

BRAKEMAN CLASS in the works. We are going to have a Brakeman Class in August if we have members who would like to become a Brakeman or a refresher course for

those who have been off duty during the pandemic. Please contact Manny Caldera (626) 695-1151 or Dan Williams (760) 815-0978 if you are interested in becoming a brakeman.



RLS Projects

The railroad always has something going on, here's a project update:

Twelve years ago a new seating area was installed at Hunter Hobby Park.



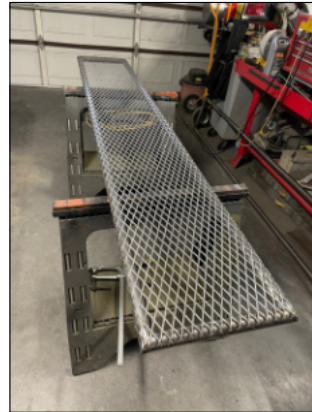
This was Panoramic Siding Station built by Nickolas Radosevich, 13, as part of his Eagle Scout Leadership project.



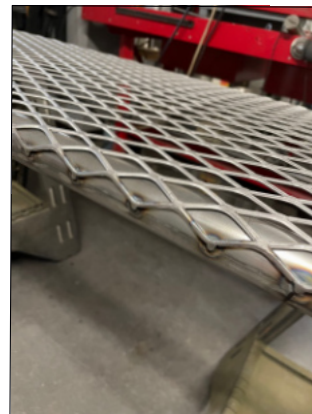
Time, weather, irrigation and the elements have taken their toll.



Tom Lebs and Bill Hesse have embarked on a project to replace the seats with something a little more durable and less maintenance for the Parks Department.



Tom has started welding up steel expanded metal benches. These new benches will be powder coated and will match the design of benches used throughout the park.



We'll have more for you as this project moves along.

Bob Smith's Fairmont 19A Railcar

In early February 2020, I [and Luke Amrein whom some of you know] was called to his bedside in which he asked if we could remove his Fairmont 19A Railcar from the garage. The Fairmont was found under a great pile of clutter and railroad collectibles. Luke and I spent 3 hours digging out the railcar and locating the missing pieces.

A couple of days later, Tom Lebs provided the expertise to load such a large heavy object onto a flatbed trailer using the electric winch. All of the loose parts were piled into the pickup truck bed and hauled 9 miles to my Oak Hills home in which I had 2-1/2 acres to place the project. Over the course of 2 weeks the side walls, rear wall, roof, door frames, doors and rebuilt chassis were fastened together with many bolt holes to be drilled and/or reamed. Tom came to the rescue with a large supply of bolts of the appropriate size to facilitate reassembly.



Bob had acquired many new parts needed for a complete rebuild of his railcar: Onan engine, transmission, fuel tank, seats, door frames, doors, hinges, wheels, brakes, under-frame, side view mirrors, brake lights, custom paint job and cast aluminum roof corner brackets. In order to place a For Sale listing on the North American Railcar Operator's Association website: www.narcoa.org, I was required to become a member.

For the listing several photos were taken of the completed project minus the electrical wiring, engine controls, rubber window moldings, door latches. Several months went by before a serious offer was received in July of 2020. With Janet's permission the railcar was sold at the agreed price and cash handed over.

The railcar is now in Jackson, California and running on the Amador Central Railroad mainline which is a historical logging railroad. For those who would like to see Bob's railcar in operation please visit:

<https://youtu.be/MfEIjUARfdI>

- Mark Spaulding



For Sale

Pat Phillips, wife of Bill Phillips is offering RLS Members first chance at purchasing Bills Diesel and two riding cars, along with tools and a two axle trailer. The diesel is Rail System model (Oregon) and needs some work on the fuel tank. The engine was run at Train Mountain in August 2020 just before Bill's passing (see photo).



The diesel does need some work on the fuel tank for proper operation. Last run an auxiliary tank was used to fuel the engine. The trailer comes with all the material shown in the photo, two riding cars and all the misc. tools except the Red Air Compressor shown inside the trailer



The family would like to sell all pieces as one package for \$14,000.00 or best offer. Since RLS is 100% steam, no on-track operation or steaming bay unloading will be allowed. You would need to go to one of the area tracks that allow gas powered models if you desire to test. This is a good deal with all the extra stuff and a great trailer included.

The family is hopeful that someone in the RLS membership might purchase package for a traveling engine to other railroads. The offer will be posted for 60 days before going into other publications or internet advertising. Please contact Pat Phillips at (717) 588-1211 or email pattycakecoleman@yahoo.com

Serious offers only please!

Rich Casford
Roadmaster-Secretary-City Liaison
Riverside Live Steamers Inc

August Calendar

“Who Is It?”



Top Left photo: Paul Quick gets his 4-4-2 ready to leave Allen's Valley

Right Top: East steaming bays with the #15 Grand Canyon getting some service.

Left Bottom: Brakeman's view of the Hunter train coming down from Summit.

Right Bottom: Bob Roberts eases the Hunter 4-8-4 through Allen's Valley on the mainline.

Thanks to Pat O'Guinn, Rich Casford, Bob Roberts, Tom Lebs, Mark Spaulding and Scott Horgan 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

August 8th Run Day Eastbound

**August 22nd Brakeman Class
9:00AM in the Clubhouse**

**Aug 14th Work Day - 8:00am to
3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

Sept 12th Run Day Westbound

August 22nd Run Day Eastbound

**Sept 18th Work Day - 8:00am to
3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

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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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