

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

December 2021



Firing up

Jonathan Rohrbach makes a few final adjustments on his locomotive before heading out on the railroad.



From the Right Hand Seat

construct my own live steam locomotive.

What I enjoy most about this hobby is the wonderful individuals I meet, track work and making parts for my locomotive.

We need your participation to make our club better and more enjoyable for everyone. I would like to invite you, fellow Riverside Live Steamer, to attend our next Board of Directors meeting, on Saturday, December 18th at 1:00 pm. At the meeting we will be discussing projects we would like to accomplish in 2020. Right now, we have 14 suggestions for projects. Please bring your ideas and your input.

- *Dan Williams*

Hello, my name is Dan Williams, as your incoming president I would like to introduce myself. I'm the guy with the green ten-wheeler.

I was born in San Francisco. My father was a police officer for the Southern Pacific Railroad at the Third and Townsend depot. He would sometimes take my bother (who was a year younger than me) down to the yard to ride the switchers. That that time in the early 1950's steam locomotives were still in use. That was my introduction to steam locomotives. I did have Lionel steam train set as a young boy, but never got into modeling.

While attending California State University, Northridge I happen one day to discover the Los Angeles Live Steamers. It was there that I got my interest in the Live Steam hobby. I met a gentleman name Chet Peterson, who owned Railroad Supply, who told me about how to get a live steam locomotive of my own. When he told me about the costs, (I was attending college at the time), I knew the only way to have a live steam locomotive was to build one. At the time I did not even know what a lathe was.

So, by reading everything thing I could about steam locomotives, joining a Live Steamer Club, taking classes in machining and welding, as well as lots of help from other Live Steamer and slowly acquiring a lathe and mill, I was able to

STORAGE BUILDINGS ARE FULL!

The RLS Storage buildings are full so please do not bring any equipment out to put in the buildings if you see an open track. Every track is rented at this time. If you need storage, please let me know so I can put you on the waiting list.

Those members who do have stored equipment at RLS will be receiving their storage invoice soon. I will be making some small adjustments in track assignments to use every spare inch of track space.

Rich Casford, Storage Manager



From the Roadmaster

Great workday in November. Track crew leveled and tamped the entire Hunter Station Yard. Another track crew replaced 10 feet of track on the straightaway by Big Pine Tree where a vehicle had driven over the track.

Compound was cleaned by Bob Roberts and Chris Neiman. Other projects in the compound were continued working on the display boiler, rebuilding locomotive re-railing jacks, general maintenance.

Chris Enright and Family provided the lunch for the workers at Noon. The Annual meeting was held starting at 1 PM. The elections of new board members and officers for 2022 were announced and covered in this edition of the Chronicle.

Members out working on the railroad on the November work day were Tom Lebs, Jerry Roth, Rich Casford, Tom Cruz, Bob Roberts, Mark Spaulding, Tom Brody, John Gurwell, Chris Neiman, Bill Hesse, Greg Park, Dave Bunts, Dan Williams, Pat O'Guinn, John Rohrbach, George Bartlow, Glenn Maness, Chris Enright.

Bill Hesse has volunteered to be the Camp Cook for the Workday on December 18, 2021. If you are interested in future dates to help with the lunch, please let me know at rich@wmp.net or (575) 756-4413. The Club pays for the groceries, so we just need a cook.

Rich Casford, Roadmaster

New Contact Telephone for Homeless issues

We have a new contact number when you spot a homeless encampment within Hunter Hobby Park. Please call (951) 826-5311 for City of Riverside Homeless Enforcement Team. Describe general conditions and location and the Team will respond and handle the issues.

We had an issue at the underpass bridge on Saturday November 20th and the team came out and handle the issue of the encampment that was blocking the entire underpass.

RLS members are encouraged to contact the Riverside Homeless Team to handle any issues and not to have an individual member contact the parties involved. Let the professionals handle the issues.

Any member of RLS can contact the Team via the telephone, you do not need to ask me permission as City Liaison.

The City of Riverside is attempting to get these issues under control and appreciate our help in notifying them. Put the number in your cell phone and it will also be listed on the coffee pot in the engine house soon.

Rich Casford, RLS City Liaison

Happy Anniversary!!

Here are the membership anniversaries for December 2021

Congratulations and Thank You for your years of support to RLS!

	Years
Paul Lavocot	45
Bill Severns	34
Mike Hitchcock	18
Mel Hitchcock	18
George Pruitt	15
A.J. Benson	15
Warren McGowan	12
Gary Mocko	12
Ken Mitsch	10
Bruno Platzer	9
Bob Roberts	7



Brook Adams checks out "cut away" boiler that will be used as a educational tool. The board of directors has allocated the funds to build a display stand.

John Gurwell is building the display stand and when finished the boiler will be placed at Hunter Station on run days for the general public to inspect and get a better understanding of what we mean by "live steam".

Pat O'Guinn - Board Member RLS

RLS has two new members, Jr. Member Aaron Pack and his Dad Greg Pack.

Be sure to say "Hi" when you see them.

Welcome aboard guys!!

This Month In Railroad History...

December of 1917 saw the Interstate Commerce Commission, empowered by Congress just 11 years before, recommend Federal control of the railway industry to create a more efficient operation of the nations railroads. With Woodrow Wilson issuing the order on December 26th 1917 the United States Railroad Administration (USRA) was born.

Along with the main effort to ease railroad congestion due to supply and passenger demands of World War I, the USRA created standards for 0-6-0 and 0-8-0

Switch Engines, 2-8-2 "Mikado", 2-10-2 "Santa Fe", 4-6-2 "Pacific", 4-8-2 "Mountain", as well as the articulated 2-6-62-2 and 2-8-8-2 locomotives. Standards for Box Cars, Gondolas and Hopper Cars were created as well.



I would like to thank all the members that have provided photos and articles for the Chron throughout the year.

- Brook



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and the hope of a great 2022!

Run Day 11-14-21



John Gurwell was the Operating Superintendent of the day with assistance from Chris Neiman. Mike Gardner fired up and ran the Hunter engine in the morning with Brakeman Mark Spaulding. A little after 12:00pm the shift change for the passenger train brought Bob Roberts on as Brakeman and Scott Horgan at the throttle of the 5057.

The station and station yard crew consisted of Station Master Glenn Maness, Tiffany Love at Merchandise, Marty Berg flagging the four track crossing and Tom Crue tending the switches.

Sean and Steve Hagen assisted with passenger service as well as covering the Birthday Train.

Six other engines were out on the railroad, Tom Brody on his Mogul, Paul Quick running his 4-4-2, Richard Ronne at the throttle of his Pacific also provided some Engineer training to guest Robbie Ancona, Gus Farwick getting some cushion time on Ron Wilkerson's Mikado, Jonathan Rorhbach fired up his 0-4-0 vertical boiler and Wes Peterson was at the throttle of his 2-6-0



Tiffany Love and Chris Neiman got a chance to dust the cobwebs off and run the Hunter train for a few laps each.

Out enjoying the day were Gary Mocko, Bob Chamberlain, new Junior Member Aaron Pack, Greg Pack, Dave Bunts, Chuck Kennemer, Jim Krieder, Patti Ruyle, Richard Miller, Lex Neiman.

More pictures of the Run Day can be found at the Club's website:
<https://riversidelivesteamers.com/2021-photos/>



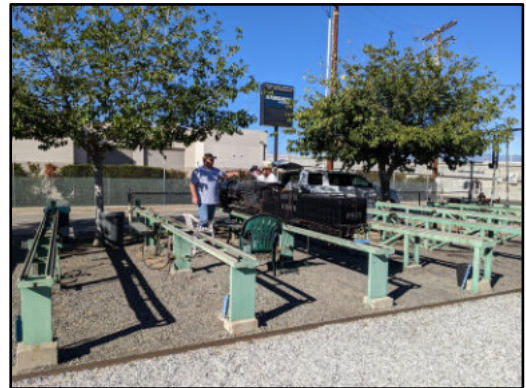
Run Day 11-28-2

From Operating Superintendent

Adams: As is customary for this time of year in Southern California, the Run Day of the 28th started out cool in the morning and warm in the afternoon!

Normally the Run Days following the Fall Meet are lightly attended however we had a good turn out of members and equipment.

Tom Lebs went out early to clear the right-of-way and set the turnouts for Westbound Figure Eight. After getting a few more things unlocked with the help of John Gurwell I went in search of a supplier of "Pink Payroll Boxes" (doughnuts). John offered to keep an eye on things in my absence and as luck would have it new Board Member Jonathan Rohrbach was coming in as I was going out, so, Jonathan received an instant field promotion to "O.S. of the Moment". Chris Neiman fired up the Hunter Engine with some guidance from Bob Roberts. Chris was out on the railroad with Bob as Brakeman in plenty of time for the opening of the Station.

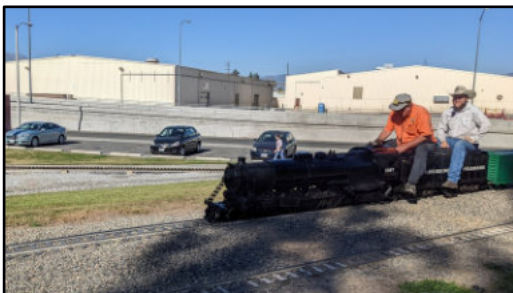


As John Gurwell and Tom Crue worked on setting up the station I shanghaied Bob Beard to help me clean up the wind driven leaves and debris piled up in the platform area (Thanks Bob!).

Sean and Steve Hagen were first out on the railroad with their 2-8-0, after a couple of laps they went in to passenger service. Followed by Tom Brody and Bob Chamberlain running Tom's Mogul. Ken Adamson and Richard Miller were out on Ken's 2-6-0 with Wes Peterson rounding out the representation of 2-6-0s.

Tiffany Love, Marty Berg and Station Master Glenn Maness along with Tom and John made up the Station crew. Jonathan Rohrbach fired up his vertical 0-4-0, Gus Farwick was at the throttle of Ron Wilkerson's Mikado, Brian Stephens on his 2-8-0 represented the coal burning engines and Mark Spaulding had his Pacific locomotive out on the right-of-way.

Scott Horgan took over the Hunter train from Chris who then helped out as Brakeman. While Scott was running he shared some cushion time with Tiffany and Bill Hesse. SMP Dave Bunts covered Brakeman duties on the Hunter while Bob took a lunch. Other members out enjoying the day were Charlie Kennemer, Chandler Kuntz, Jim Kreider, Patty Ruyle.



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

- Brook

Victorian Iron Horse Roundup – Antonito, CO

Pageant of Narrow Gauge Steam Locomotives

Photos and Story by Mark Spaulding

The intrepid railfans (Richard Ronnie and myself) of the Riverside Live Steamers plus two friends, Luke Amrein of Victorville and David Dull of the Chula Vista Live Steamers club arrived in Antonito to witness the great pageant of seven steam locomotive of which five were under steam on the morning of August 22, 2021. Other RLS Members in attendance were Dan Williams (also Chula Vista Members) and Diane & Brian Stephens.

The stars of the week were the Eureka & Palisades #4 wood burner and Glenbrook wood burner, both of 1875. They spent the morning wooding up as our double header power for a recently restored set of 1874 passenger cars.

Four other locomotives were steaming up for the weekend: Mogul #168, #315 renumbered for the event as #425, Mikado's #455, #489, #493.

A notable guest locomotive was Rio Grande Southern #20 making a surprise appearance from the Colorado Railroad Museum of Golden, Colorado.

The #20 was provided by Trains Magazine for special charter freight trains recreating RGS of days past which ran after our visit.

Here are some photos of the day. The first photo was taken with a drone which provided a much better view than any of my photos.





This photo came from Wacky Roger, a professional railfan photographer who resides in Chama, NM



Guess Who? Our Brakeman for the day



An Interesting Perspective

A close up of the drawbar at Big Horn Wye approximately 30 miles west of Antonito, CO.



On another day after we left for California, the Eureka & Palisade can be found blocking traffic at Cumbres Pass. The last time an American 4-4-0 did that was 120 years ago!

December Calendar "Who Is It?"



Top Left photo: The information signs at Hunter Station.

Right Top: Larry Jongerius looks on as SMP Bunts Fires the Hunter 4-8-4

Left Bottom: Bob Chamberlain moves his 4-4-2 on the transfer table

Right Bottom: Activity in Allen's Valley

**Thanks to Dan Williams, Mark Spaulding, Rich Casford and Pat O'Guinn,
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: editor@rlsrr.com

Upcoming Important Dates

Dec 12th Run Day Eastbound

Jan 9th Run Day Westbound

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

Jan 15th Work Day - 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm

Dec 26th Run Day Eastbound

Jan 23rd, Run Day Westbound

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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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