

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

February 2022



Fallen Flag

RLS has learned that Member Roy Murdock had past away this past June. Roy is seen here in 2003 standing behind his Pacific talking to Dave Bunts



From the Right Hand Seat

I want to thank all the members who attended our last board meeting. We had a lively discussion about the projects we want to accomplish this year. Of all the items reviewed; the members agreed to have the hoist project competed first. Dave Bunts will oversee the project and could use all the help any of you can provide. The Board approved the estimated budget for the project. The hoist will help generate additional rental revenue for equipment storage.

Speaking of projects, what motivates anyone to come out to the facility to get on their hands and knees, shovel dirt and generally pay for their efforts with a couple of Ibuprofen? For me, I enjoy participating at the workdays. There is a feeling of satisfaction at making the club a little better and an opportunity to show my appreciation for allowing me to use such a great facility to run my locomotive.

Another plus from attending the workdays is the opportunity to get to know some of the fellow RLS members better. I have been told by my wife, Rita, who is a practicing Psychologist, that good social interaction is necessary for a long life. So, socializing with other members is helping me live longer. Another favorite part of attending the workdays is it is the only time I get to eat donuts. Donuts are not allowed at our house.

Our annual membership appreciation lunch is coming up in two weeks. Our last event was over two years ago. Covid 19 has not only made many people ill, but it has also made group get-togethers difficult. Let's continue to be diligent about containing this virus; but let's also enjoy this upcoming gathering and celebrate our good fortune of being alive and being able to enjoy it.

- Dan Williams

Happy Anniversary!!

Below are the membership anniversaries for February 2022

Congratulations!!

Thanks to all of you for your years of support!!

	Years
Glenn Maness	40
Mike Fleshman	30
Kim Ziepke	27
Jim Cooksey	25
Bob Beard	16
Josh Klenske	13
Jeff Gorjans	9
Doug Sifter	6
Betsy Shaw	4
Christopher Segraves	4
Tom Dorff Sr.	4
Steve Hagen	2
Sean Hagen	2



Along the tracks...

January Workday continued the strong turnout of members to improve and restore the RLS facilities and track.

Thanks to the earlier efforts of Chris Neiman and Bob Roberts who did the prep work on the Bunts By-Pass right-of-way, when the track crew of 19 members arrived on site, the area was ready to go!

Chris & Bob dug the tie trench while the ground was still soft from the rains in December. Bob Roberts also finished cutting the Tie Wall support anchors prior to workday. That saved over two hours of work for this work period. The Track Crew was able to make a few adjustments in the right-of-way, remove the excess dirt and re-install the By-pass track very easily.

Alignment and leveling was accomplished and by 10:45am we were picking up all the tools. The Bunts By-Pass has been restored to active service ready for the Run Day on January 23, 2022.

Compound was cleaned by Pat O'Guinn. Richard Ronne serviced all the mainline switches. Jerry Roth service all padlocks on the water boxes, fuel boxes and switch machines. Dave Bunts worked on the Hunter brakes. Brook Adams serviced cars from the RLS club fleet. Glenn Maness was our Pizza driver for the lunch to the workers at Noon.

Those helping during the day were Bob Roberts, Chris Neiman, Tom Crue, Jon Rohrbach, Greg Pack and his son Aaron, George Bartlow, Dave Bunts, Jerry Roth, Dan Williams, John Gurwell, Mark Spaulding, Brook Adams, Tom Lebs, Doug Prescott, Casandra Prescott, Jr. Member Zack Halama, Bill Hesse and Rich Casford.

The Board meeting was held at 1:00PM. Normal committee reports were made. Membership renewals are almost completed for 2022, with second notice reminders being sent to those that have not responded. 2022 is the year of a new membership directory so it's important to get your dues paid to be listed.

New non-resident member Dennis Rohman joined the club. Dennis purchased on of the late Bill Phillips locomotives and lives in the El Cajon area.

RLS has several departments with an assigned manager for each. Look in your directory for the list of managers. All members enjoy the RLS operations however there are several members who take responsibility to make sure everything is working correctly. Run Days and Workdays just do not happen, there is planning required for all activities at RLS.

Tom Lebs reported that the new metal benches for Allen's Valley are quickly coming together, ready for power coating and then installation to replace the rotten wood benches currently installed.

The Board of Directors did some strategic planning at the meeting Saturday. From the future projects list that had been developed over the years the Board voted the third level car lift to the Noble-Quick building as the priority project for 2022. With limited manpower, funding, and continuous maintenance needs around the railroad it was agreed that only one major project should be started at this time.

Several other small projects off the list were assigned members in attendance to complete.

RLS is a series of group events with some smaller important projects happening in the off days. If you would like to lend a hand please contact Compound Supervisor Bob Roberts, SMP Dave Bunts, Car Foreman Brook Adams or Roadmaster Rich. There are always many more projects than time to complete.

We need a Camp Chef for February 19, 2022, workday. 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.

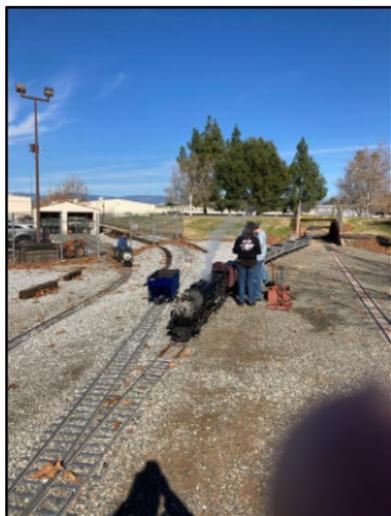
- *Rich Casford, Roadmaster*

January 1st Run Day

An R.L.S. tradition to start the new year off with steam continued on in 2022 with the annual members only January 1st Run Day.



Bill Hesse donned the Operating Superintendent hat and oversaw a really nice run day.



Fourteen members came out to shake off the last remnants of 2021 and enjoy the live steam hobby!

Run Day 1-9-22

Operating Superintendent duties of the day were covered by Jonathan Rohrbach with the railroad running Westbound outside loop.



Clear skies and 72 degrees made for great steam operations.



35 members made it out for the day as well as 5 guests.



Run Day 1-9-22 (cont)



Eight engines were on the railroad including the Hunter train manned by Bob Roberts Jim Wood in the morning and Chris Neiman and Mark Spaulding in the afternoon. #733 with Steve and Sean Hagen assisting in passenger service.



The Station crew of Glenn Maness, Tiffany Love, John Gurwell Chris Neiman (in the morning), Marty Berg and Tom Crew kept everything moving smoothly and saw 474 passengers throughout the day.



Work Day 1-15-22

As noted by the RoadMaster the major project of the Work Day was finishing up and re-establishing the Bunts By-Pass track. Also on the Work Day the Compound was generally cleaned and the Superintendent of Motive Power and Car Foreman managed to squeeze in some repairs and preventive maintenance to the fleet. Twenty two members and one guest filled out the days crew, Thanks to all that came out to help.



Run Day 1-23-21

Jonathan Rorhbach was O.S. for the second Run Day of January. The weather was nearly a carbon copy (or should I say "CTRL C") of the Run Day of the 9th.



Riverside received it's fair share of the gusty Santa Ana winds all the way up to Saturday before the Run Day. Jonathan and Tom Lebs spent the first part of the morning clearing the right-of-way of leaves, limbs and palm fronds.



Brook Adams and Jim Wood manned the Hunter train in the morning with Chris Neiman taking over the Hunter cushion at 12:30 and Mark Spaulding covering Brakeman duties for Jim. Sean Hagen, Steve Hagen, Bob Roberts and Richard Ronne lent a hand with public service on Sean's 2-8-0. Four other engines made it out onto the rails for the day. Tom Brody was on his Mogul, Ken Adamson had his 2-6-0 out as well, Scott Horgan fired up Doug Prescott's Pacific and Wes Peterson was at the throttle of his 2-6-0.

At the Station we had Station Master Glenn Maness, Tiffany Love handled merchandise, Chris Neiman and John Gurwell assisted at the platform. Tom Crue took care of station switching and Marty Berg covered the four track crossing.



Other members out enjoying the day were Greg Pack, Tom Phillips, Zachary Halama, Richard Miller, Jim Krieder and his sister Patty Ruyle and David Lazarus.



Sometimes it's the little things

Over the years R.L.S. has been the recipient of some incredible photos from members, past members or past member families.

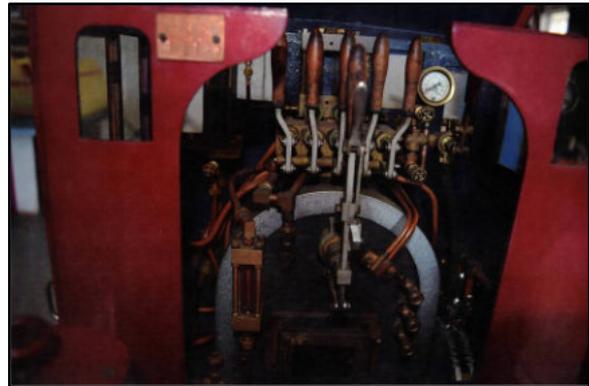
The family of Wayne Jordan has recently sent in some photos and videos of Wayne's C.P. Huntington out at R.L.S. to share with everyone.



R.L.S. is known for having some large road engines steaming along the right-of-way but sometimes the smaller engines can be just as impressive.



Ken Casford, Editor of the Chronicle in 1985 had this to say about the engine on the cover of the March 1985 Chron:
"Coming upgrade from Allen's Valley, Wayne Jordan and his beautiful C. P. Huntington 4-2-4T make short work of the grade. This Huntington is without a doubt in the Editor's opinion the finest model of this locomotive. Not only does it look great, but it steams and runs line a fine watch..."



Wayne's engine was at the Golden Spike ceremony of the one inch line in 1987, captured in this photo by the Press Enterprise

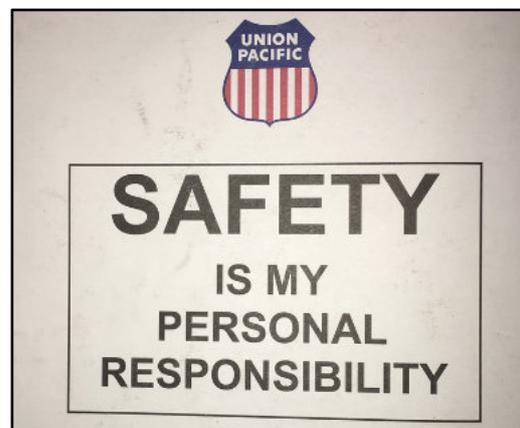


On a small scale

The 1869 golden spike ceremony at Promontory Point, Utah, was a big event, marking the linking of East and West by rail. On a smaller scale, Joseph Lee Jr. and Stephanie

Chang re-enact the event in Hunter Park, Riverside. Assisting yesterday is John Creighton, a member of the Riverside Live Steamers at the group's station in the park.

I'd like to thank Wayne Jordan's family for sharing these images with our R.L.S. Family. Larger images of these and more will be posted at the Club website:
<https://riversidelivesteamers.com/>



January Calendar "Who Is It?"



Top Left photo: Richard Ronne on his 4-6-2 coming into Allen's Valley

Right Top: Own Cascarelli at the throttle of his Northern

Left Bottom: Tom Brody on his 2-6-0

Right Bottom: Dale Chamberlain headed toward Panorama

Thanks to Dan Williams, Bob Roberts, Rich Casford, Marty Berg, Pat O'Guinn, John Gurwell and the family of Wayne Jordan 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

Feb 13th Run Day Eastbound

March 13th Run Day Westbound

Feb 19th Work Day - 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm

March 19th Work Day - 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm

Feb 27th Run Day Eastbound

March 27th 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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