

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



October 2021



The Riverside Live Steamers Fall Meet 2005

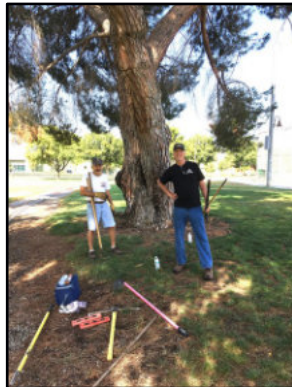
The Riverside Live Steamers Fall Meet is this October 22th, 23th and 24th. With the sights, smells and sounds that only live steam locomotives can bring!
We'll see you there!



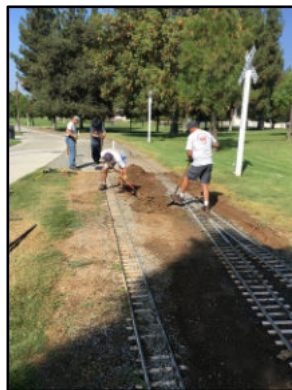
From The Cupola

We had a tremendous turnout for the September workday and club meeting. Thank you all for coming to help out.

As most of you probably know the city is very good at watering Hunter Hobby Park. Sometimes it seems that the sprinkler system recycles ever few minutes but that's probably just my imagination. All this watering gives us a beautiful green mostly dust free (some of us remember the dirt days) environment to operate in and we appreciate it. However it does create challenges for the maintenance of way crews. I think #1 is the weed problem. Weed abatement is a problem on any railroad but with members hard work and city co-operation things are looking pretty good right now. #2 is drainage issues. At the Vandenburg crossover the water seemed to



flood the tracks on a regular basis and the roadbed can get a little soft causing uneven track and switching issues. We have been working on the drainage problem in this area for months (the equivalent of



about 4 or 5 days). The last workday saw several track experts (members) digging trenches to drain the flooding away from the roadbed. The ditches were back-filled with ballast. #3 Tree roots. One example is Big Pine. The roots of the big pine tree (thus Big Pine) lift the track up causing rough and undulating conditions. This usually means pulling sections of track out and removing the roots and relaying the track. Not a fun project but periodically it needs to be done. I would suggest lowering your speed though this area Casey.

Have a happy Halloween and see you at the Fall Meet October 22,23,24.

Patrick O'Guinn - President
Riverside Live Steamers

Here is the safety rule for the month of **October**.

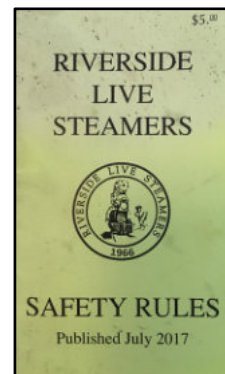
Only one rule this month but it's important.

407. Before leaving the steaming areas:

- Boiler will be brought up to operating pressure.
- Safety valves and pressure gauges will be checked for proper operation.
- Water gauges will be blown down to ensure clear passages and proper operation.
- Injectors and feed water pumps will be tested for proper operation.
- Whistle will be tested for proper operation.

Safe steaming everyone.

Patrick O'Guinn -
President
Riverside Live Steamers





From the Roadmaster

Saturday,
September 18,
2021, proved again

to be a very successful workday at RLS.

The early morning RLS members started off in the compound cleaning up the leaves. For those of you that only attend on Run Days, without this important part of the maintenance of the compound you would be standing in ankle deep leaves steaming up your engine.

As more members arrived, work projects out on the railroad began. One track team was sent to the Big Pine Tree area to rake off ballast from the ties and then proceed East on the straightaway raking ballast back to the ends of the ties to prevent exposure of the ties, temping kids from pulling up the track.

The next group of track workers went to the new Vandenberg Crossover to continue alignment and leveling. Excess dirt was removed between tracks and right of way shoulders to allow water to drain away from the track. Additional leveling will be required in this area until we establish a firm roadbed base.

The third team of track workers started curve smoothing since during the COVID break in maintenance cycles, some of our curves started to flatten out.

Weeds were sprayed in the compound. Overhead tree limb clearance trimming on the mainline was also conducted to prevent the public riders attempting to grab a low hanging tree branch.

Pizza lunch was served thanks to Glenn Maness picking up the food. Board Meeting was called to order at 1:00PM.

Our next workday will be October 16, 2021, starting at 8:00 AM. This will be the last workday before the Fall Meet on October 22-23-24, so we need to get ready for our guests. Board Meeting at 1:00PM, all are welcome for both workday and Board Meeting. If someone would like to volunteer to handle Lunch on October 16th it would be appreciated by all who come to workday. Please contact me at rich@wmp.net or (575) 756-4413.

Remember it's your railroad to enjoy, and the maintenance of our facilities is an on-going project every month. Mark your calendar to join your fellow members on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Rich Casford

This month in Railroad History

The Tonopah and Goldfield Railroad, a standard gauge railroad that started life in 1903 as the Tonopah Railroad, ceased operations after 44 years in October of 1947. In it's heyday the line was busy hauling silver and gold ores from Tonopah and Goldfield. With connections to the Southern Pacific Railroad This 100 mile railroad was able to ship all the way to the Pacific.





**2021 RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS
FALL MEET BREAKFAST MENU
Sat & Sun Oct. 23 & 24, 7am to 9am**




STEAMING HOT EGGS COOKED TO ORDER
BOX CAR BACON AND HOG HEAD SAUSAGE
GOLDEN STATE HASH BROWNS
ROUNDHOUSE PANCAKES ON SATURDAY
FLAGMAN'S FRENCH TOAST ON SUNDAY
YARD SHANTY COFFEE, O.J., MILK

Meet the Nominees!

Below are the nominees so far for the four upcoming Board of Director vacancies for 2021-2022. If you'd like to include your name as a nominee please let any Board Member know ASAP.

Nominees will be finalized as candidates at the Board of Directors Meeting on October 16th. Ballots will be sent out after the meeting. Do be sure to check your mail and get your ballots mailed back before the November 14th Board Meeting.

Only ballots received via the Post Office will be counted NO walk in/Hand delivered ballots will be tallied.

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|  | Bob Roberts - Member since 2014, Compound Supervisor, Cameras and Security Hunter Engineer, Brakeman, past Board of Directors. |
|  | Kevin Zamp - Member since 2018, Club Webmaster, Brakeman for Hunter and extra passenger trains. |
|  | John Rohrbach - Member since 2017, Brakemen for Hunter and extra passenger trains. |
|  | Glenn Maness - Member since 1982, Honorary Member, Past President and Board Member, Station Master. |
|  | Mark Spaulding - Member since 2012, Brakemen for Hunter and extra passenger trains. |
|  | Bill Hesse - Member since 2003, Past President and Board Member, Signals and Security, Hunter Engineer, Brakeman, past Compound Supervisor. |

Happy Anniversary!!

Here are the membership anniversaries for October (a good month to join it would appear!)

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

| | Years |
|-------------------|-------|
| John Delault | 44 |
| Thomas Paral | 33 |
| Mike Harris | 22 |
| Dave Swanson | 22 |
| Robert Paxton | 17 |
| Caroline Parrent | 17 |
| David Lazurus | 16 |
| Michael Reeves | 15 |
| John Gardner | 15 |
| Don Lannon | 12 |
| Andrew Martin | 12 |
| Mark Spaulding | 9 |
| Patrick O'Guinn | 8 |
| Michel Goi | 5 |
| Jonathan Rhorbach | 4 |
| Bill Schimer | 3 |
| James Zamp | 2 |

Ooops!!

I missed the Members below when I started these anniversary lists in July.

My apologies to Leonard, Bill and Jack. Again, thanks for your support of RLS!!

| | Month | Yrs |
|-------------------|-----------|-----|
| Leonard Deangelis | July | 13 |
| Bill MacLaughlin | August | 18 |
| Jack Bodenmann | September | 10 |

The 2022 RLS Calendars are in!!



2022 calendars will be available on the October 10th Run Day.

Due to pricing and vendor changes this year the Board decided on only having the 8.5"x11" sized calendars but they are still \$10.00 each.

Get yours before they are all gone!!

Run Day Recap 9/12/21

With the high temperature of the day topping out in the low 100's, the last run day of Summer was toasty!

O.S. Tom Lebs had the mainline cleared and ready to go early. On the Hunter train were Engineers Bob Roberts and Scott Horgan, Brakeman duties were covered by Jim Wood. Sean and Steve Hagan with his 2-8-0 covered the Party Train and extra public service.

Five other engines made it out on the railroad throughout the day - Richard Ronne on his Pacific, Doug Prescott on his 4-6-2, Mark Spaulding running his Pacific, Tom Brody at the throttle of his 2-6-0 and Brook Adams on his Hudson.

The Station was crewed by Station Master Glenn Maness and John Gurwell, Tiffany Love and Chris Neiman, Marty Berg covered the 4 track Crossing and Tom Crue worked as switch tender. Twenty members braved the heat to visit.

Run Day Recap 9/26/21

The First run day of Fall actually felt like Fall (well, Fall for Southern California that is), cool and overcast for much of the day. A great day for Live Steam railroading!

President Patrick O'Guinn, was the O.S. for the day that in the morning had all the appearance of a "Mini-Meet". Ten engines made it out onto the steaming bays with seven making it out onto the right-of-way.

Richard Ronne and Sean Hagen helped out with passenger service. Scott Horgan engineering the Hunter and Jim Wood as the Brakemen. To dust off the COVID cobwebs, Tiffany Love and Chris Neiman got some throttle time behind the Hunter, with Chris taking over Hunter train Brakeman duties in the afternoon.

Station Master Glenn Maness and John Gurwell helped 351 passengers throughout the day with Flagman Marty Berg at the four track crossing and Tom Crue covering station switching.



A Working Steam Locomotive Machine Shop

Nevada Northern Railway, Ely, NV

Story and photos by Mark Spaulding

A recent rail-fan excursion this August, organized by Richard Ronne covering 6 states with 3 fellow travelers included a visit to the Nevada Northern Railway in Ely, Nevada.

Our excursion train was pulled by consolidation #93, a 1909 ALCO which was recently restored to active service. In the Engine House, can be found other working steam locomotives: A ten-wheeler #40, a 1910 Baldwin and another consolidation #81, a 1917 Baldwin was currently in the machine shop stall receiving major work. Several other notable pieces of working steam equipment were Wrecking Crane A., rated at 100 Tons, a 1907 Industrial Works product and a 1907 Alco-Cook Steam Rotary. Eleven older diesel locomotives in working condition also are on display.

Our self-guided tour was a pleasant experience.

In the Machine Shop we found #81 undergoing heavy repairs. Here are several views inside the Machine Shop.



Big Hammers



Smokebox Work



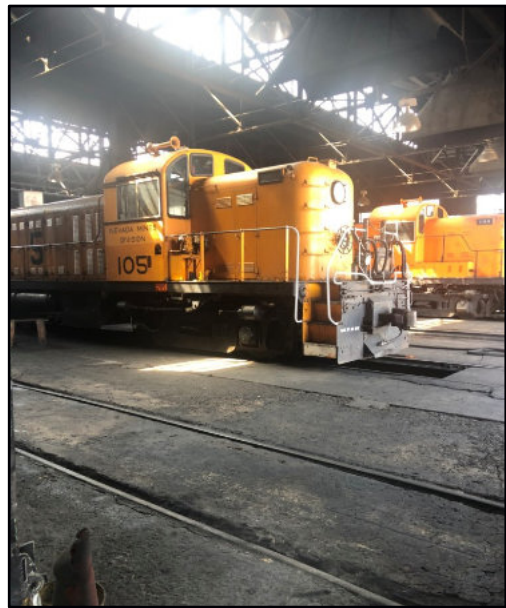
Staybolt work



Big Wrenches



Dirt – the Shop Cat



Engine House

For Sale



Little Engines 4-4-0, with stainless steel boiler, beautiful brass work, tender has vacuum brake install, but no ejector or valve in the engine.

Included are two un-built flat cars, with all the wheels that need to be assembled, 3 garbage cans of pea sized coal. Locomotive located in Taos, NM.

Contact Jeff Stebbins
(575) 758-4598 or
email
steb@taosnet.com



**Do you have something
that you want to sell or
trade?**

**Contact the editor and get it
into the RLS Chronicle.**

**Send a description and
photos to
editor@rlsrr.com**

October Calendar

“Work Day Who Is It?”



Top Left photo: Rich Casford operating the track blower car that was rebuilt by Tom Lebs.

Right Top: Steve Borchert in the middle of the Club House re-wiring project.

Left Bottom: Pat O’Guinn about to crest the overpass with his power sweeper.

Right Bottom: President O’Guinn now under the overpass in Allen’s Valley.

Thanks to Pat O’Guinn, Rich Casford and Mark Spaulding 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

Oct 10th Run Day Eastbound

Nov 14th Run Day Westbound

Oct 16th Work Day - 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm

Nov 20th Work Day - 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm

Oct 22nd thru 24th - Fall Meet

Nov 28th 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.

THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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