

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

April 2022



Final Call

George Bartlow joined RLS in January 1991 and quickly became a member of the design & fabrication team of Phil McFadden and Dave Bunts. The B.M.B Fab Team was always working on solutions to the various projects at RLS. The Noble/Quick building has many of those designs applied to the structure. George will be missed with his happy attitude using his walker to move all over Hunter Park to photograph RLS members enjoying the Railroad.



From the Right Hand Seat

We have a Spring Meet coming up; April 22-24. This is a

great time to come to the facility to enjoy the sights and sounds of steam locomotives, meet with old friends, and enjoy the wonderful spring weather. In charge of the meet will be Bill Hess. As Operations Supervisor (OS) he will be responsible for ensuring that the facility and operations for the meet are enjoyable for all.

The OS is one of the duties Riverside Live Steamers (RLS) employs to ensure the facilities and operations of the railroad on Run Days supports RLS members use and enjoyment of the railroad. Our OS needs your help! We all want to run our locomotives, give rides, and enjoy our time at RLS, but since we are a volunteer organization, please also remember to volunteer.

As is our tradition, on Saturday, and Sunday, we will have hot breakfast for everyone. The cooks arrive early in the morning to get everything ready. They spend several hours getting the food prepared. Please volunteer to lend a hand. Most helpful would be to assist with the clean-up. It would only take about an hour of your time.

Another duty needed is to help at controlling the switches at Allen's Valley and the Station. If you can spare at least two hours on Saturday or Sunday with this duty, please let Bill Hess know what shift you can take.

Also, please be mindful that the OS is on duty for about 12 hours.

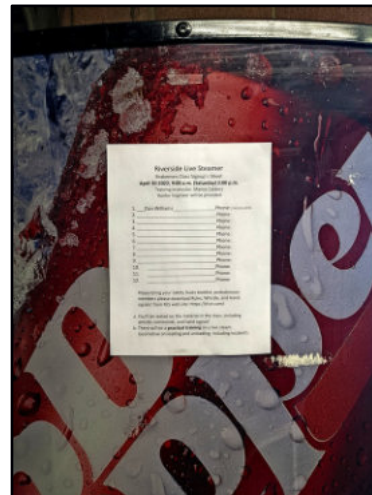
For the meet, the OS will be there for three days. If you know that it will take you some time to get your equipment packed up (particularly if you do not keep your equipment at the club) and ready to transport, end your running at a reasonable time on Sunday (about 2:30 pm). This way the OS can lock up the facility and go home at a reasonable hour.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you live steamers at this event!

- Dan Williams

UPCOMING BRAKEMAN CLASS

Saturday April 30, 2022, we will be holding another RLS brakeman class for those members who would like to learn the rules of a Brakeman.



Sign-up sheet is in the Club House on the soda machine, put your name down or email Manny Caldera at

mannycaldera@yahoo.com



Along the tracks...

March workday found a smaller group of members in attendance.

Since the work force was limited, we tackled some smaller projects.

In the compound, the transfer table rail on the Eastside of the compound was adjusted to mate to the steaming bays. Compound was cleaned and weeds sprayed around the facility.

Out on the mainline switches were serviced and handles repainted in Red/Green position markers. There was one piece of rail that was lifted and stolen off one of the stub tracks in Allen's Valley was repaired. Track damage in Columbia Yard from Picnic equipment dragging over the track was aligned and leveled.

Those working on the Railroad were Bob Roberts, Mark Spaulding, Tom Lebs, John Gurwell, Chris Neiman, Arron and Greg Pack, Pat O'Guinn, Rich Casford, Richard Ronne, Matt Ruff, and Bill Hesse.

Bill Hesse was deputized to become the cook and made a run to the pizza shop for lunch for the workers.

The Board meeting was held at 1:00PM. With a minimum number of Board Members on hand for the meeting, it was quick as several managers were absent. 2022 Roster book is at the printers thanks to Dean Willoughby doing all the data work. We hope to have them available at the Spring Meet to save on postage for the local members.

Good news is that the price of perforated metal sheets has dropped dramatically so the Board of

Directors authorized funds to purchase enough metal to complete the entire compound fence. Since we completed the westside of compound several months ago, no break-ins have occurred on that side. We have had three cut fences on the east side. It will not be long before we will be completely enclosed with perforated metal on the fencing. John Gurwell will be the project leader on the fence job. If you are interested in helping let John know.

April 16th will be the next workday, the weekend prior to the Spring Meet. Please plan on coming out and helping get the facilities ready for the meet!

We need a Camp Chef for April 16, 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

- *Rich Casford, Roadmaster*

Safety First!!

March saw a lot of people taking advantage of the Spring like weather in Riverside. If you made it out last month you saw folks out everywhere at the park.

Train Crews need to be extra aware of their surroundings, keeping an eye out not only at the grade crossings but along the right-of-way where there's known high foot traffic and ice chest crossings.

The Spring Meet is almost here!

Save the dates of APRIL 22-23-24 for 72 hours of steaming pleasure!

Now that the Covid restrictions have lifted, and if gas prices don't rise too much, we should expect one of the best turnouts of both members and visitors from other clubs than we have seen in several years.

The railroad is in excellent condition, But everyone is invited to the work/ fun day on April 16th to prepare the compound and address any track issues. Donuts, coffee, and lunch provided.

The park department will have the sprinklers turned off, and no other group will be able to rent the ball fields or picnic areas. We can run as late as you want. The park will be open to the public, Who will undoubtedly ask for rides. All members are reminded that NO public service is allowed on Friday or Saturday. Please ask them to enjoy watching the trains, but return at 10:00am Sunday when we will offer our usual public activities. Members, families, and invited guests are welcome to ride any time during the meet. Don't forget to sign everyone in.

Mark Spaulding will be hosting the traditional FREE BREAKFAST for members and guests on Saturday and Sunday from 7 to 9 AM. There will be pancakes on one day, French toast on the other, along with made to order eggs, bacon, juice and all the trimming so no one will go away hungry.

There will be at least two trailers or campers parked at the south end of the compound, and will provide on site security starting on Thursday. If anyone else is planning to bring a camper, please let Bill Hesse know

so we can arrange parking and electrical hookups. The Parks department has asked that we NOT use the public parking lots for any overnight camping. We can use all of the open space west of Allen's valley outside the rear gate. Unless you need access to your vehicle or train trailers during the day, please park in the outer lot if you can.

Sunday the 24th will also be a regular run day. This is a great opportunity for members who don't get out very often to take a turn at Brakeman, switch tenders or station assistants and give the regular members a little time off to play. Qualified Hunter engineers might even get some throttle time. It seems like it's always the same few people every run day. Let's share the duties of helping any visiting trains to enjoy the railroad, and everyone have great and safe meet.

- Bill Hesse, Meet O.S.

Want to share...?

Do you have photos of trips or Run Days that you'd like to have in the Chron? Maybe you have machining technique or project that might interest or help another member? Are you planning on overhaul of your engine and want to share your progress? If so, send me the photos and or a description of what you have going on and we'll get it into the Chronicle.

Please send submissions to
editor@rlsrr.com

March 13st Run Day

O. S. REPORT

I arrived at 7:45 AM at Riverside Live Steamers for the March 13 run day. I immediately took the two dozen donuts into the clubhouse and placed them on the table for members to enjoy. As I turned towards the coffee pot I noticed no one had made coffee. I sprang into action cleaned the coffee



Getting all steamed up



Station break

I opened the storage bins and took out the golf carts. I was notified by a concerned member that I had not put the flags up. I put the flags up. I then did a track inspection of the mainline. I was notified by one of the first engineers out on the line that spikes were missing and rail was out of



Quick signal repair

pot and made coffee.

I left the clubhouse to continue my rounds. I noticed that engineers were already firing up their engines. I headed for the compressor room.

The compressors were running and the fuel switch was turned on. I went to the fuel tank and made an inspection. Everything looked fine.

gauge near Big Pine. A track repair crew was called consisting of myself and Scott Horgan. The track was quickly repaired. Overall it was a good day for a train ride at Riverside Live Steamers. I could never have done it by myself. I thank all the members who helped out on this day.



All smiles

- Patrick O'Guinn OS for the day.

(Photos courtesy of Patrick)

Happy Anniversary!

Below are the membership anniversaries for April 2022

Congratulations!

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

	Years
Andrew Carlson	53
Mat Swain	26
Stephan Davis	24
Richard Miller	19
Charlie Kennemer	19
Bill Hesse	19
Jonathan Chase	18
Richard Ronne	12
John Gurwell	10
Jerry Blake	7
Tom Lebs	6
Micheal Wierowski	5
David Wierowski	5
Bob Sorenson	5
Dale Chamberlain	5
Kyle Teixeira	3
Kira Kaufman	3
Gail Woodward	1

Run Day 3-27-22

President Williams was O.S. of the second Run Day in March. A cool and overcast day to start with clear skies after 12:00pm.



Hunter Train passenger service was covered by Engineer Bob Roberts and Brakeman Jim Wood in the morning with Engineer Brook Adams and Brakeman Scott Horgan taking care of the afternoon shift. Helping out all day with passenger service was Sean Hagen, Steve Hagen, Manny Caldera and Richard Ronne on Sean's 2-8-0. The passenger train teams pulled 598 passengers around the park.



Freight trains were well represented with seven engines and their consists making it out onto the right-of-way. Out on the tracks were Ken Adamson running his 2-6-0, John Rohrbach took a few laps on his 0-4-0 vertical, Paul Quick was at the throttle of his Atlantic locomotive, Johnathan Chase was on the cushion of the Borsuk 2-6-2, Don Lannon, Cameron Lannon and Randy Chase kept the Lannon 4-4-2 running most of the day. Greg Casford was running the Casford Pacific and Charlie Kennemer was at the throttle of his

Mogul with Richard Miller as Brakeman.

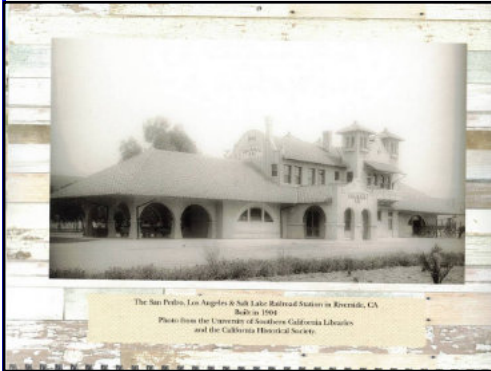
At the station we had Station Master Glenn Maness with Cindy Caldera taking care of the merchandise cart, Marty Berg covered the four track crossing as well as switches at the North end of the station yard.



Also out enjoying the live steam hobby were Jerry Roth, Mike Harris, Tom Lebs, Gary Mocko, Mark Spaulding, Gus Farwick, Tom Brody, Dean Willoughby, Jim Krieder, Patty Ruyle, Ron Wilkerson and Brian Stephens.



April Calendar "Where Is It?"



Right: The San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Station in Riverside California. Built in 1904, the station is now the home of El Patron Restaurant at 3204 Mission Inn Blvd.

Thanks to Dan Williams, 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

April 10th Run Day Eastbound

April 30th, Brakeman's Class Engine House 9:00am to 2:00pm

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

May 8th, Run Day Westbound

April 22nd 23rd 24th Spring Meet

May 14th, Work Day - 8:00am

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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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