

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



March 2022



All Aboard!!

Chris Neiman and Ken Matoma prepare to take the Hunter locomotive for another trip around the park with Richard Ronne looking on from his 4-6-2.



From the Right Hand Seat

As I get older, I get more aches and pains. It seems harder to get out of bed, and easier to fall asleep. My hands are not as steady as they use to be, and it is getting harder to see. But my interest and passion for steam locomotives never wains. After all these years that I have been involved in this hobby of 1 ½ scale railroading; I never seem to get bored of workdays, machining parts, and maintaining my ten-wheeler.

Dave Bunts recently asked me if I would be willing to help repairing the C-19 Consolidation that has been out of service for several years. Although some of the items I will be working on have similar machining processes that I used building my ten-wheeler, the C-19 is a new challenge. Not only am I going to work on that project, but I mentioned to my wife that I want to build another steamer. Of course, she was delighted, (though she may have rolled her eyes a bit). “Why?” she asked? “Well” I said, “because I want to”

What does all this mean? I’m obsessed? I’m a bit nuts? Maybe just a little. In reality, participating in this hobby is a form of therapy for me. While working on making a part or getting down on my knees screwing rails to ties, I forget all the other distractions in my life. Plus, there is a great deal of satisfaction at being somewhat skilled at what I’m doing.

Participation at Riverside Live Steamers may give you a sense of accomplishment, satisfaction and the opportunity to run or watch steam locomotives in action. Most of you who are members and read this document had at one time wanted to be active in this hobby. We can always use your help and skills! We have several projects we want to accomplish this

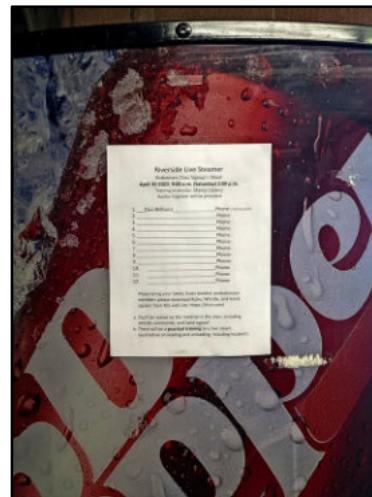
year, and you may have just the right skills and experience to contribute.

Another way you can contribute is to sign up and attend the Brakeman training class scheduled for April 30th.

- *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...

February workday had another good turnout of members to

complete several important projects at RLS.

Under the direction of VP Bill Hesse, the “TOM BROTHERS” of Tom Lebs, Tom Brody, Tom Crue along with Jon Rohrbach, Mark Spaulding, Greg & Arron Parker installed the new metal park benches in Allen’s Valley that Tom Lebs had manufactured. A great improvement over the old wooden seats!

Out on the mainline, Richard Ronne was servicing switches, Dan Williams and Rich Casford leveled and aligned track in several locations.

Preliminary switch placement planning was conducted in David’s Yard for the start of yard track realignment for the new third level hoist for car storage.

Car Repair Foreman Brook Adams serviced club gondolas and SMP Dave Bunts and Bob Roberts worked on brakes on the Hunter Locomotive.

Those helping during the day were Bob Roberts, Tom Crue, Jon Rohrbach, Greg Pack and his son Aaron, Dave Bunts, Dan Williams, John Gurwell, Mark Spaulding, Brook Adams, Tom Lebs, Richard Ronne, Tom Brody, Liam and Malcolm Cook, Bill Hesse, Glenn Maness and Rich Casford.

Tom Lebs was the camp cook for the day and provided a wonderful lunch at noon.

The Board meeting was held at 1:00PM. Normal committee reports were made.

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.

We need a Camp Chef for March 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

Happy Anniversary!!



Below are the membership anniversaries for March 2022

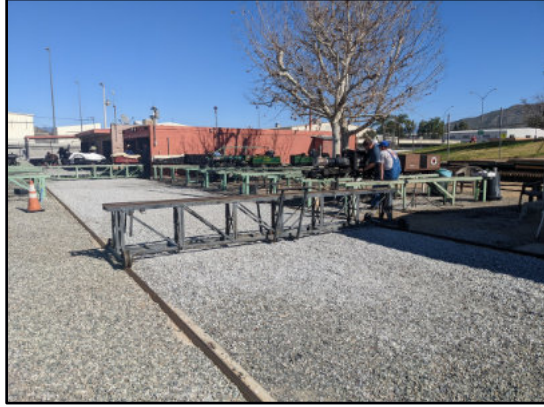
Congratulations!!

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

	Years
George Lavacot	56
Ron Wilkerson	56
Allan Ratliff	49
John Denault III	45
Larry Nilles	32
David Moore	15
Corey Kelly	11
Steve Ruatta	7
Chris Neiman	6
Matthew Ruff	6
Tiffany Love	6

Feb 13st Run Day

Jonathan Rohrbach went from “Newbie Operating Superintendent” to “Seasoned Vet O.S.” with his third in a row operational Run Day!



Twenty three members and seven guest came out to enjoy the live steam hobby.



Two passenger trains and seven freight trains ran throughout the day.



Helping out on the day were Station Master Glenn Maness, Tiffany Love at Merchandise, Tom Crue manned the station yard switches, Mart Berg covered the 4 track crossing and John Gurwell and Chris Neiman covered the passenger platform.

Work Day 2-19-22

Middle of winter in Southern California, with a high of 81 degrees at Hunter Hobby Park.

Our Roadmaster had his hands full the work day of the 19th.



A team out on the right-of-way, a team installing the recently completed Allen's Valley Benches and the Superintendent of Motive Power and Car Foreman working in the Compound.



Track work, bench installation, gondola service and Hunter repairs all completed before lunch with the Board meeting even starting a little early!

In Memoriam



Carolyn Smithmitoma, wife of Brakeman Ken Mitoma, passed away after a long illness on February 6, 2022. May she rest in peace.

Run Day 2-27-22

Sunday started off with the RoadMaster opening up the Compound at 7:26am while the Operating Superintendent picked up the “Pink Pay Box” (donuts) for the crews.



What looked like it was going to be a light day around 9:30am quickly changed and the morning took on the feel of a “mini-meet”.



Three passenger trains were in operation nearly all day. Dean Willoughby running his Northern with Mark Spaulding covering Brakeman duties. Sean and Steve Hagen on Sean’s 4-8-0 and Jon Rohrbach helping out as Brakeman. And on the Hunter train was Engineer Bob Roberts in the morning with Jim Wood at the back of the train. Scott Horgan took over the throttle at the afternoon shift with Chris Neiman and Doug Prescott handling Brakeman duties.

Eight locomotives were out on the steaming bays with six of them making it out on to the railroad.

We had 629 passengers, 31 members and 5 guests throughout the day.



A big thanks to everyone that came out and helped make the day run as smooth as it did.

- Brook

Safety First!!

With the State easing the mask mandates there were a lot of people taking advantage of the Spring like weather in Riverside. If you made it out last Run Day 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.

Did you get the cable I sent you?



Those of you with storage in the Quick/Noble building please be sure that no ropes or charging cables are hanging down from the second track level. This will avoid damaging equipment when cars are pulled out from the bottom level.



The Riverside Live Steamers Spring Meet is April 22 – 24, 2022.

Hunter Hobby Park in Riverside, California is located at 1496 Columbia Avenue. Please visit <https://www.riversidelivesteamers.com> if you need a map to our railroad and find to out more information.



For Sale



GP9, Powered 1" scale \$8,000

1" scale version of this workhorse locomotive. Whether you're fascinated by multi-unit diesels or just want a lazy day alternative to your steamer, this GP9 is your answer.

The welded steel frame and fiberglass shell are a tough and durable combination. The detailing that is included has to be seen to be appreciated. This GP9 comes loaded with cast and photo-etched detail parts. The mars light is an option that can be purchased and added on, including the electronic circuitry.

This GP9 is powered by a proven drive train. Drive gears run in an oil bath in a custom, investment cast gearbox. Large permanent magnet motors are driven by an efficient Pulse Width Modulation controller. The heavy-duty circuitry combines silent power with dynamic braking and a number of safety features. Any two powered locomotives can be MUed together (with any number of unpowered dummies).

Contact us at shorgan@mvusd.net for more information



March Calendar "Who Is It?"



Top Left photo: Bob Chamberlain on his Atlantic

Right Top: Kim Ziepke at the throttle of his 4-8-4

Left Bottom: Activity at the Station

Right Bottom: Parker Casford eases the Verde Valley Pacific out of Allen's Valley with dad Greg

Thanks to Dan Williams, Rich Casford, Mark Spaulding 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

March 13th Run Day Westbound

April 10th Run Day Eastbound

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

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

March 27th Run Day Westbound

April 22nd 23rd 24th Spring Meet

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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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