

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



July 2022



Morning Steam

#919 and #733 are steaming up
getting ready for the days run



From the Right Hand Seat

It was when I was stationed at Fort Lenard Wood Missouri in 1968 that I meet Bob Wieland. Like me he was trained to be an Army Medic. Bob was a giant of a man, with a large nose and wore regulation Army glasses with great positive attitude. We became friends while we were there. In early 1969 I was ordered to Vietnam, assigned to an infantry company in the 101st Airborne Division. In early June 1969 I met up with Bob again. He had just gotten into country and was on temporary duty driving ambulances until being assigned to an infantry company. I lost track of what happened to Bob until I saw a news feature about him in 1986.

Bob "ran" across America on his hands, taking three years, eight months, and six days to travel from coast to coast and raise money for Vietnam war veterans. A few weeks after Bob and I met in Vietnam, Bob stepped on an 82mm buried mortar, which destroyed both of his legs. Rather than let that tragedy get the better of him, Bob decided to use his "accident" to inspire others.



Look up Bob Wieland on the internet and you can find out more about all the amazing things he has done.

Bob inspired me to always ask why. Why did I want to go to college? Why did I have a family? And most importantly, why did I get involved in the Live Steam hobby?

Why would I spend the time, effort, and money to build a live steam locomotive? Why would I spend the time, money, and hassle of driving an hour and twenty minutes or more from my house to get to RLS and get on the ground, shovel dirt and get a sore back? I know my why. For me it's the satisfaction of accomplishing a dream, and helping others enjoy this hobby.

When you joined the Riverside Live Steamers, most of you had a good reason for joining. Has that reason diminished? If it has not, are you giving the club the attention and time to make it better? If it has diminished, what was the reason?

Bob Wieland has a great why. What Bob does not have is excuses. We need everyone who enjoys this hobby to demonstrate by their participation how much their why motivated them to be involved in the first place.

- Dan Williams

Summer is here!!



With the hot California summers comes the potential for "heat kinks" out on the railroad.

Be sure to keep an eye out on the track ahead as you operate throughout the day.



Along the tracks...

A small, dedicated group of members came out Saturday June 18th for our

monthly workday.

The June project was to continue to work on the perforated metal fence material installation along the fence line on the South end of the Compound to prevent fence cutting.

A resolute crew worked well into the mid-morning heat to get most panels installed and hog ringed under the leadership of Randy Chase.

SMP Dave Bunts worked on the C-16 chassis continuing the rebuilding and hydro'd the Hunter Locomotive. Asst. SMP David Lazarus worked on leaking valves on the Big Boy to return it to service.

Roadmaster ran the blower car over the mainline for the next Run Day and then fertilized the weeds with anti-growth material. Dan Williams and Pat O'Guinn removed track in Columbia Yard that had been pulling out of the ground by dragging picnic equipment and aligned & levels same.

Glenn Maness was the pizza delivery driver for the noon lunch.

The Board meeting was held at 1:00PM. Every member is welcome to attend the Board meetings to learn about future projects and activities.

July 16, 2022 will be the next workday. Mark your calendars to come join the fun on RLS Workdays.

We need a Camp Chef for July 16th 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.

Special Red Cross CPR learning class provided by President Dan Williams will be held at the August Workday on **August 20, 2022**. This

class will be held during our normal workday to educate those members who would like to be certified in CPR, this is an important First Aid class for you, your family, and our communities.

- Rich Casford, Roadmaster



From The Cupola

I arrived at RLS a little after 8 a.m. and headed for the coffee and donuts (donuts supplied by Rich Casford). Dave Lazarus was working on the BIG BOY. Dave Bunts and Bob Roberts were keeping the Hunter engine in tip top shape. Other members doing other things that needed doing.



Not wanting to be left out I sought out Mr. Casford to see about some work. He suggested some track work on yard track 4 at Colombia yard. The track had

some hi and low spots probably due to the high volume of pedestrian traffic in that area. RLS track is in Hunter Park and is not fenced. So along with handy Dan Williams we headed out for a days work.

Patrick O'Guinn - RLS Board member



From the Compound Supervisor

Saturday May 7, 2022 a small team worked on the trench from Noble/Quick to the big light pole at the south end of the compound.



The goal was to dig a trench 110 foot long, about 18 inches deep, and bury a conduit before leaving. The next day was a run day and the trench would interfere with parking. The crew consisted of 3 scouts (Gil Giovanni, Joe Jesse, and Lex Neiman) and 2 club members (Chris Neiman and Bob Roberts.)



The first 50 feet or so went fairly well. It was the area under the gravel in David's yard so it was relatively moist and able to dig with a shovel. The rest was a tough dig even with the help of a shovel on the working end of a jackhammer! In the end we were able to complete the task and return the parking lot to a usable condition for the following day.

- Bob Roberts



June 12th Run Day

Operating Superintendent Jonathan Rohrbach was at club at 7:00am getting things ready for the Run Day.



Seven engines made it out on to the railroad, the Hunter crews for the day were Engineers Brook Adams and Chris Neiman with Brakemen Kevin Zamp and Jim Wood. Party Train and extra passenger service was taken care of by Engineer Sean Hagen and Anthony McBride.



Hunter Station crews consisted of Station Master Glenn Maness, Tiffany Love at Merchandise, John Gurwell and Chris Neiman at the platform, Marty Berg covered the four track crossing and Tom Crue took care of station switches. 31 members came out for the last Run Day of Spring. With warmer (hot) days ahead it was good to see everyone make it out and enjoy the railroad.

O.S. Report for the Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern California Run of 6-12-22

6-12-22 the Childhood Cancer Foundation of SoCal had one of their family event nights at Hunter Park. In the past, R.L.S. has provided train rides for kids and families that the Foundation serves. This event was their first in-person event due to COVID, and they asked if we could provide train rides.



Randy Chase took on the hat of Operations Manager and worked directly with the CCF Staff to coordinate the events train operations.

Even though the event was at the end of a regular run day, a bunch of R.L.S. members stepped up and volunteered.

Two trains were assembled, train #1 was a double header engineered by Jonathan Chase on the Borsuk 2-6-2 and Scott Horgan on the Lannon Atlantic with Chris Neiman as Brakemen #1 and Kim Chase as Brakeman #2 at the rear of the train.



On the second train, double-headed as well, the motive power was provided by Sean Hagen and his 4-8-0 and Richard Ronne with his Pacific, Steve Hagen covered the Brakemen duties.

Standing by with a hot engine if needed was Wes Peterson and Sierra Cacace.

Passenger loading was done in Allen's Valley with Manny Caldera, Cindy Caldera and Marty Berg providing the loading, unloading and safety information to the passengers. Board member Kevin Zamp stopped by to lend a hand.

John Gurwell was on stand by with the O.S. Cart, but as the evening operations ran as smoothly as it could John re-purposed the cart for refuse hauling for the event.

199 passengers were pulled between 5:30pm and 7:15pm, Randy Chase closed up the Compound at 10:03pm.

Extra Run of 6-25-22

June 25 RLS provided a rare Saturday party train for one of our local vendors, California Tool and Welding Supply. They had reached out to member Randy Chase and asked if we could supply a party train for their company picnic. The Board approved the train event.

We had two trains available crewed



by Engineers Randy Chase and Richard Ronne with Brakemen Tom Crue, Richard Miller and Joe Kennedy. Members Bill Hesse, Bob Roberts, John Gurwell, Glenn Maness, Marty Berg Mike Harris and Matt Robinson came out to lend a hand. A big thanks to everyone that made it out and thanks to California Tool and Welding Supply for their donation.

I think Operation Superintendent Dan Williams summed up the last run day of June pretty well on his O.S. Report - "Hot 105" .



Passenger service for the day was taken care of by the Hunter crew - Engineers Bob Roberts, Brook Adams and Scott Horgan, Brakemen Kevin Zamp, Mark Spaulding and Chris Neiman. Extra passenger service was covered by Sean Hagen and Steve Hagen. Hunter Station was staffed by Tiffany Love at Merchandise, Marty



Berg at the four track crossing, Tom Crue taking care of station switches, John Gurwell on the platform and ready with the re-railing cart, Chris Neiman assisting at the platform and Glenn Maness as Station Master.

Braving the heat to enjoy the live steam hobby were Brain Stephens, Mark Spaulding, Anthony McBride, Jim Krieder Tom Lawson, Bob Beard, Dave Bunts, Betsy Shaw, Richard Miller Marty Simmon and Ron Wilkerson.

June 26th Run Day

Housekeeping....

Message from the Compound Supervisor/Security

This security update is for all key holders. Attached are pictures showing the correct way for the North lead gate to be locked.



There seems to be some confusion on how to properly lock this gate. When the two gates are pulled closed the "L" shaped handle from the left gate is placed in the "U" shaped tab welded to the right gate. Next you lift the center bar straight up to align all three holes for the lock to pass through. If you are unsure how this works, ask for help. Lately I have been finding it locked improperly.



The hoist power switch should always be locked when the compound is not in

use. If you are the last one in the compound it is your job to ensure all doors and locks are secured properly. Security is all of our responsibility.

- Bob Roberts

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Happy Anniversary!

Here are the membership anniversaries for July 2022

Congratulations!

Thanks to all of you for your years of support to R.L.S.!!

	Years
Brian Ratliff	45
Neal Mauer	19
Chris Enright	15
Chris Caldera	10
Cindy Caldera	10
Manny Caldera	10
Tim Wheeler	10
Irma Caldera	9
Ken Mitoma	7
Wes Peterson	4
Kevin Zamp	4
Tom Crue	1

Thanks to Dan Williams, Rich Casford, Bob Roberts, 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

July 10th, Run Day Westbound

Aug 14th, Run Day Eastbound

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

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

July 24th, Run Day Westbound

Aug 28th, Run Day Eastbound

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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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