

# *THE CHRONICLE*

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NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



October 2022



## **Feeling Like Fall**

Ken Adamson readies the Karen Anne for a days worth of steam on the first Run Day in September

**SAFETY FIRST**



## ***From the Right Hand Seat***

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As a member  
of the  
Riverside Live

Steamers Board of Directors, I have had the opportunity to support decisions that have helped improve the club's operations. We, have approved several projects which I believe will enhance our use and enjoyment of the railroad.

Like in any organization, there are issues that arise in which we members of the board must make decisions that are not to our liking. At the September Executive Session of the Board, we were faced with deciding a member's continued participation at Riverside Live Steamers. After reviewing the information, we had before us, the Board reached a consensus to have the individual's membership revoked. This was not a decision the Board took lightly. All of us really enjoy this Live Steam hobby. To exclude someone's access and use of our wonderful railroad is not something any of us want to do.

Now on the some more positive news. Our annual Fall Meet is coming up. Bill Hess will be the Operating Superintendent for the three-day event. Any support and help you can provide Bill will be greatly appreciated.

In one of my professional positions, I was the Director of Information Systems at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center in San Diego. I was in that position for over 12 years. It was at one of my annual reviews that I was given a piece of information that had a profound effect on my personal and professional life. In that review, the Chief Operations Officer told me that she felt that I was one of the best Information Systems managers with whom she had worked. Then she said, "As good as you are, there is perception among some of the other department's

staff that you are aloof and somewhat condescending". She then told me if I wanted to be considered for a higher position in my profession, I would need to have that perception change to a positive one. "How do I do that?", I asked. All she said was "Change your attitude."

I did take her suggest to heart. I began studying attitude. Here are a few quotes about attitude.

"Your attitude is an expression of your values, beliefs and expectations." Brian Tracy

"Attitude is everything, so pick a good one." Wayne Dyer

A few years after that suggestion, I applied for a position at a high-tech telecommunications company. Their requirements were a MBA, and several years of marketing experience in the healthcare field. Well, I didn't have a MBA (although I had a Master of Science degree) and I had no marketing experience (although I had over 15 years of experience in the healthcare field). For some reason, I was still offered an opportunity to interview for the position. I got the position, with a substantial increase in income. I asked the person who hired me, why I got the position, even though I did not have the qualifications. I was told there were other candidates with the qualifications they wanted, but they liked me the best. The right attitude can make a change in your life.

One of the things I enjoy in this hobby of Live Steam railroading is the nice individuals I meet. With few exceptions, almost everyone in this hobby has a positive and sharing attitude.

- Dan Williams



## Along the tracks... or What happened to the Roadmaster

by Rich Casford, Road 2

A couple of members have asked "Where did the Roadmaster go?"

Some of you will remember last year I took a job as an Extra Board Brakeman on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad running out of Chama, New Mexico. With the pandemic still causing shortage of operating personnel last year the Railroad asked me to get qualified to cover days off for regular crews.

This year the Railroad management asked me to take on new position of Risk Officer for the Railroad and develop a Risk Management Department. The new position covers Safety Risk, Reputational Risk, Environmental Risk and Financial Risks.

It has grown into an interesting level of involvement with regulatory agencies, suppliers, staff training and financial studies on train operations.

During the train summer season, most of the departments of the railroad are in operation 7 days a week. The general shortage of workers around the country have not forgotten Chama, NM or Antonito, CO as the railroad and local businesses struggle to find help to keep their businesses open.

The one constant however is the beautiful weather and gorgeous Fall Colors of Northern New Mexico and Southwest Colorado. The end of September and the start of October is peak color season and the full

passenger trains show how popular this season is.

October is a popular season for RLS as well since our Fall Meet is just around the corner on October 21, 22, 23, 2022. Make sure to make your calendar for the October 15<sup>th</sup> workday to prepare our facilities for all our members and guests. The Board meeting that day will also set the candidates for election to the 2023 Board of Directors. Come out and join the fun of making RLS the best live steam club. We do need a camp cook for October 15<sup>th</sup> for lunch. Give me a call at (575) 756-4413 or email [rich@wmp.net](mailto:rich@wmp.net) if you are interested in helping. The club pays for the food.

See you at the Railroad in Riverside on October 15, 2022, starting at 8:00AM

- Rich Casford, Roadmaster

### **2022-2023 Riverside Live Steamers Board of Director Nominations**

Nominees so far for the 2022-2023 Board of Directors are:

Chris Neiman, Malcom Cook, Glenn Maness, John Gurwell, Bob Roberts and Dave Bunts.

Leaving the Board will be Pat O'Guinn, Dan Williams, Tom Lebs and Brook Adams. If you are interested in running for the Board you can let Secretary Mark Spaulding or any of the Board members know.

Nominations will be closed at the October Board meeting with ballots being mailed out by the first of November.

**VOTE**

## 2022 Fall Meet

YES! It's that time of year again when we all dress up like engineers, conductors, and station masters. NO! It's not Halloween! It's time for the Fall Meet! Your favorite Meet Superintendent will be Vice President Bill Hesse.

Don't forget to wear your new RLS club T-shirts. Shirts ordered in August and September should arrive in time for the meet. There should be some extra available in the club house for visiting guests and anyone who missed the chance to order them.

This year's festivities will be held October 21-23. If the past meets are any indication, we can expect trains to begin arriving on Friday morning. Steaming bay space will be at a premium. Please don't use the bays for freight cars. Move them out to the yards as soon as possible after unloading.



Mark Spaulding and Tom Lebs will be hosting the traditional RLS breakfast from 7 to 9AM on Saturday and Sunday. There will be pancakes one day, and French toast the other. Bacon, sausage, and eggs cooked in recognizable styles made to order. There will be no lunch or dinner this year, but sodas, water, and ice cream will be available. There might even be donuts on Friday if the OS remembers to bring them this time.

Sunday will be a regular run day. With the continuing warm weather we can expect a large public turn out, save some of the fun to help out. There will undoubtedly be a lot of public in the park all three days and probably asking for rides. There can be NO PUBLIC service on Friday or Saturday. Politely remind them that there will be public trains at the station on Sunday from 10AM to 3 PM.

Sunday the railroad will be set for Eastbound figure 8 for public operation. There's no designated direction of travel on Friday or Saturday. Watch for oncoming trains, remember that the train to the right has priority at the crossover, and if you see a white signal coming toward you...



Due to the high cost of fuel this past year, we've already used up our years allocation of diesel fuel. At the spring meet we burned over 120 gallons. We need to remember that the fuel we get from the city is intended for the public trains on run days. *(Editor's Note:)* Per the September Board of Directors meeting the City fuel pump will not be turned on Friday or Saturday of the Meet - diesel burning Engineers will need to bring their own fuel to operate those days.

Steve Borchert will be camping in the compound starting Thursday night, so we'll have security in the compound. We have limited space for campers inside the compound, with light electrical hookups available. If anyone else is bringing a camper, let the OS know to reserve space. Train trailers should be parked outside the South gate as soon as they're unloaded..

Everyone is invited to the work (FUN) day on October 15<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the meet. The compound is in pretty good shape, but the clubhouse can always use a bit of cleanup. If you have any personal property in the club house (including last month's lunch still in the refrigerator), please remove it.

There are still some books remaining that were donated by the family of Ed Nelson. Feel free to take any that you want.

- Bill Hesse

## September 11<sup>th</sup> Run Day

Mark Spaulding was O.S. on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Railroad operations were Westbound Outside Loop.



Weather continued to play a factor in railroad operations but instead of it being too hot there was a 40% chance of thunderstorms predicted by the National Weather Service.



The rain held off until after the railroad shut down at 3:00pm. Thanks to everyone that came out to help.



## September 25<sup>th</sup> Run Day



On the September 25, 2022 run day Brook Adams and Ken Mitoma prepare to take another load of happy passengers for a trip around Hunter Hobby Park.



New out of the last brakeman's class Shawn McCarty takes his first trip on the Hunter train.



Great donuts and coffee with great people. Come on out and talk and mingle.

- Pat O'Guinn

## For Sale

NORCO GONDOLA \$ 600.00  
 WOOD GONDOLA \$ 600.00  
 REFER WITH PSC DOOR HARDWARE  
 \$650.00

AUX WATER TENDER \$500.00  
 PEPSI TANK CAR \$1,300.00  
 SP TANK CAR \$650.00

GREEN TOOL CAR \$1,300.00  
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 HOPPER CAR 3 BAY PSC \$2,000.00  
 GREEN BOBBER CABOOSE \$500.00  
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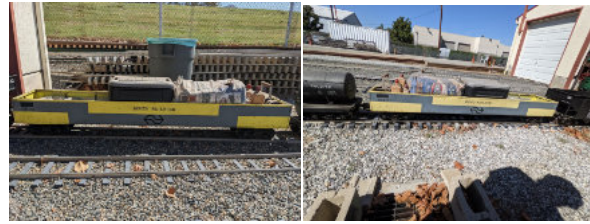
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## Happy Anniversary!



Here are the  
 membership  
 anniversaries for  
 October 2022

**Congratulations!**

And thanks to all of you for your  
 years of support to the Riverside  
 Live Steamers!!



	Years
John B. DeNault	45
Thomas Paral	34
Mike Harris	23
Marty Simmon	22
Dave Swanson	22
Caroline Parrent	18
John Gardner	16
Mike Reeves	16
Andrew Martin	13
Mark Spaulding	10
Pat O'Guinn	09
Micheal Goi	06
Zachary Halama	05
Jonathan Rohrbach	05
Bill Schirmer	04
Aaron Pack	01
Joe Kennedy	01

## Here's an item to ponder:

Tom Lawson conducted an interesting experiment on his Berkshire recently. Some background: Tom's boiler was originally built with 48, 1/2" ID steel tubes. The smokebox paint that he used held up fine through years of service. When he found it necessary to re-tube his boiler, he went with 30, 3/4" ID copper tubes, which resulted in about 20% less heating surface. Although the boiler still steamed very well, as a result of less heat transfer to the water, the smokebox ran hotter and the smokebox paint did not hold up. So a discussion ensued among a small group, Tom, Berkshire builder Gene Lurwig, and others, at the Blueberry meet last September about what non-invasive mods might be tried to decrease the smokebox temperature. The group came up with the thought of trying to decrease the speed of the gases through the tubes by "softening" the exhaust.

So Tom did the following: A 3-1/2" extension of the exhaust nozzle was made which made the exhaust steam exit inside the petticoat pipe. Keeping the blower on at all times was necessary to fill the stack. The exhaust nozzle bore is 7/16".

My first thought was that the exhaust might sound kind of soft or mushy, but that was not the case. The exhaust still sounded fine, and from what Tom was able to measure, there was a noticeable decrease of the smokebox temperature. So the implication might be that the exhaust gases did indeed slow down. The boiler still made adequate steam. Now I'm thinking, what if we had the original heating surface with the 1/2" ID tubes and softened the exhaust using this method? We might never be able to get the safeties to re-seat - ha!?!

One other very noticeable characteristic was that the oil burner became less susceptible to being "sucked out" with large throttle changes without having to adjust the atomizer and/or the oil valve. This would indeed imply that the exhaust was "softened". - *Jim Kreider*



The exhaust stand is designed so different size nozzles can easily be screwed in place.





## October Calendar "Where is it?"

The grading and bridge work for Allen's Valley at Hunter Hobby Park circa 1966

New photos have been added to the Club website - Check it out at:

<https://riversidelivesteamers.com/>

**Thanks to Dan Williams, Jim Kreider, Rich Casford, Pat O'Guinn and Bill Hesse 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](mailto:editor@rlsrr.com)

## *Upcoming Important Dates*

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, Run Day Eastbound**

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, Run Day Westbound**

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, Work Day 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, Work Day 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**Fall Meet Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, 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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