

# *THE CHRONICLE*

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NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

December 2022



## **Arriving at Hunter Station**

Hunter Engineer trainee Jonathan Rohrbach eases the Hunter train into the station with S.M.P. Dave Bunts on the tender.

## Presidential Words O' Wisdom



It's a new December. Actually, we don't get Decembers back, therefore it'd always a new December. That means visions of sugar plums, train around the tree, and the cold mornings where the steam as it escapes from the stack (and all those pesky leaks in the cab) turns into decorative plumes as we wind our way through Hunter Park. It also means a new President, and a new message in the Chron.

The esteemed editor has asked if I wanted to keep Words of Wisdom (which is what the column was called the first time I was Prez), or Dan Williams Presidents Message, or Pat O'Guinns From the Cupola. I was dumbfounded. I just thought it was a stock standard thing, Words of Wisdom, traditional and all that goes with it. I guess not. But it is indicative of how everyone, from the choice of title for the Presidents column to the folks who help keep the railroad running on operating days has the ability to put their own imprint on the operations at RLS. All of us owe each other the best we can be – in operations, help when things go off the rails, both literally and figuratively, in conversations wherever they happen to take place. There is a really good bunch of people involved in the live steam hobby, a goodly portion of those same folks show up at RLS 3 times a month. It's the people, not the Presidents Words of Wisdom that make RLS go and has kept it going for a godly amount of years.

With that said, I would like to thank the outgoing members of the Board of Directors for their service over the last two years. There were some trials in that period, and they were handled with aplomb. THANK YOU!

We should have a good year; Covid is steady so no assaults on our time at RLS with lock-downs, the economy is not so bad that we can't come out to play trains, the birds are singing and the sky (at least today) was blue. It's time to play trains!

Oh, and if you really thought that you might gets words of wisdom in this column, you are going to be disappointed. I get all my inspiration from YOU the members.

### **Your RLS membership dues are due December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Get them in before the Jan 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Regular Member -	\$50.00
Non-Resident Member -	\$25.00
Junior Member -	\$15.00

Mail your checks to: P.O. Box 5512, Riverside, CA 92517-5512

I would like to thank all the members that have provided photos and articles for the Chron throughout the year.

- Brook



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and the hope of a great 2023!





## Along the tracks...

November Workday saw the start of the track realignment in

David's Yard in preparation of the installation of the Third Level Lift for car storage in the Noble Quick Building.

After an inspection of the mainline by the Roadmaster, the track crew went to work installing the first of several new re-lay mainline switches on the storage tracks in David's Yard.

The work is preliminary for the pending removal of all tracks connected to the building during the digging and pouring concrete footings for the lift overhead.

At this time, only the switches are being installed. We are leaving the current trackage in place until such time as construction starts on the footings. The car storage tracks will come out from the building parallel to the new switches.

This new trackage arrangement will allow for switching in the yard area without going all the way to Allen's Valley. During this temporary track work, our normal smooth trackage will have a couple of dog bones as we reconnect to the existing track. Remember it is a work in progress and the final alignment has not been accomplished yet!

Thanks to Chris Enright and family, our lunch was a delicious, fried chicken affair. Chris has volunteered to handle lunch on the odd numbered months for workday in 2023. With that being said, we do need a cook for the December workday on December 17<sup>th</sup> when we will be installing another replacement switch in the yard. Any takers for cooking????

Remember no Run Day on Sunday December 25, 2022. There will be a member only on January 1, 2023, Run

Day with newly elected Board Member Chris Neiman as OS for the day. The public station will be closed on January 1, 2023.

- Rich Casford, Road 2

## FULL HOUSE!! STORAGE 2023

### DO YOU WANT TO STORE YOUR EQUIPMENT AT RLS?

All the RLS storage buildings are currently full. Storage invoices will be mailed in December. If you are reducing your storage, please let me know so I can adjust your storage invoice.

Please do not bring equipment to RLS thinking you saw an open space. All tracks are rented to members and the buildings are filled to the end of each track. Any open space has been rented and you can not place your equipment on those tracks.

If you are interested in storing your equipment, please send me an email [rich@wmp.net](mailto:rich@wmp.net) or call me (575) 756-4413 so I can put you on the waiting list.

We have two engines on the waiting list now so if you need space or want to reduce your space, please contact me.

We are working to get the Third Level Lift installed in 2023 to open more space, however until that happens the No Vacancy sign is lit!!

-Rich Casford, Storage Chairman

### Did you know....?

A section of the California Southern Railway between Elsinore and Perris was submerged after the construction of Railroad Canyon Dam in 1928 formed Railroad Canyon Lake (now known as Canyon Lake)

## RLS Board of Directors Election Results

At the October board meeting the mailed in ballots for the available 2022-2023 Board of Directors seats were tallied.

Going off the Board are:  
Dan Williams, Tom Lebs, Pat O'Guinn and Brook Adams

Coming on are: Dave Bunts, Randy Chase, John Gurwell and Chris Neiman.

After a brief organizational meeting to determine officers and directors we have the Board listed below.

David Bunts	President
Bill Hesse	Vice President
Mark Spaulding	Secretary
Randy Chase	Treasurer
Jonathan Rohrbach	Director
Kevin Zamp	Director
John Gurwell	Director
Chris Neiman	Director



## January 1<sup>st</sup> Member Run

Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> will be a "members only" run day (no public trains), to start the new year off with a full head of steam!!

Board Member Chris Neiman will be on hand as O.S. from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Come on out and shake off the last remaining bits of 2022.

**SAFETY FIRST**

## Happy Anniversary!

Here are the membership anniversaries for December 2022

### Congratulations!!

Thank you for your years of support to the Riverside Live Steamers!!

	Years
Paul Lavacot	46
Bill Severns	35
Mike Hitchcock	19
Mel Hitchcock	19
George Pruitt	16
A. J. Benson	16
Warren McGowan	13
Gary Mocko	13
Paul Stevanus	12
Ken Mitsch	11
Bruno Platzer	10
Gil Beaird	08
Bob Roberts	08

## November 13<sup>th</sup> Run Day

The first run day in November was cool and sunny. Operating superintendent Patrick O'Guinn was on duty bright and early at 7:00am.



Hunter Engineer trainee Jonathan Rohrbach received some cushion time with several laps at the throttle of the Hunter with SMP Dave Bunts riding along on the tender.

Hunter Brakeman duties of the day were covered by Mark Spaulding and Jim Wood, the afternoon Hunter engineer was Brook Adams. Assisting with the Hunter Station passengers were engineers Sean Hagen and Richard Ronne running Sean's 2-8-0 with Anthony McBride taking care of Brakeman duties.



Freight service was represented by Bob and Dale Chamberlain running their 4-4-2, Doug Prescott made several laps on his Pacific and Steve and Peggy Borchert had their 2-8-0 out.

In the afternoon Sean Hagen went into Birthday Party Service and gave Chris Neiman some time at the throttle of his 2-8-0. 27 Members made it out to enjoy the cooler day and the live steam hobby.

## Special Event Nov 15th

In the RLS bylaws, Section 2.1 Purpose states: *"The Riverside Live Steamers is a non-profit organization to promote the building, operation, interest and enjoyment of live steam locomotives or other live steam engines as a hobby and to educate the people and children of the area regarding the steam engine"* Tuesday November 15th we did just that.



Randy Chase coordinated a field trip for the Yucaipa High School engineering classes to come out to RLS and learn about live steam engines.



In all, 16 students made the trip with 4 faculty members from Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District and 1 faculty member from Colton Unified. 13 RLS members were on hand to provide information and assistance as needed.

The club featured an assortment of locomotives on display, the display boiler, a stationary engine, foundry patterns and castings for the hobby. At the end of the event the students took a train ride around Hunter Park behind Sean Hagen and his Consolidation with Tom Crue as Brakeman.

## November 27 Run Day

Mark Spaulding was the O.S. For the second to last Run Day of 2022 (reminder - the Club will be closed December 25th, the fourth Sunday in December) Hunter engineer duties were taken care of by Scott Horgan and Chris Neiman, Brakeman Richard Miller took care of the Hunter train all day. Sean Hagen with his mighty 2-8-0 assisted at the station along with Anthony McBride acting as his Brakeman. Doug Prescott pulled his passenger cars. out on freight trains were Charlie Kennemer on his Mogul, Gary Mocko at the throttle of his 2-8-4 Berkshire, Brian Stephens had his Consolidation out, Greg and Parker Casford were running the 4-6-2.

14 additional members came out to assist in railroad operations or just enjoy the fellowship of live steam, 607 public passengers were given rides.



## In Memoriam

Last month our RLS family became a little smaller.

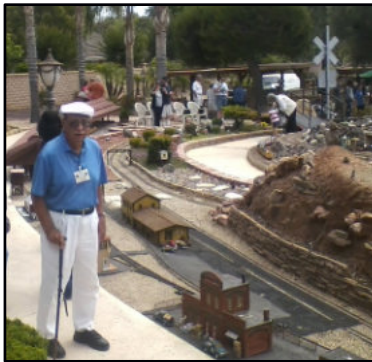
### Charlene Kreider

Charlene Kreider, ex-wife of Jim Kreider, passed away on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Though Charlene wasn't a member she made it out to the railroad for meets and run days. Charlene also attended many of our past annual dinners, even providing railroad memorabilia for the raffles. She will be missed.

### Former RLS Member Roger Clarkson

Roger Clarkson, long-time Riverside resident, business man, RLS supporter, and model railroader, passed away at 85 on October 30.

Our condolences to his wife, Faith, with his son's family at their Riverside home. Roger, an air force veteran, was a true



perfectionist, avid golfer and member of local country clubs. He and his wife once ran a collection company and a hobby shop. At their home in 1983, they began a complex HO model railroad. After filling a 3-car garage with 6 trains running, in 1988 they began a G (garden) scale backyard railroad growing to run 10 trains simultaneously around 4 lakes and waterfalls.

Everything was extensively detailed and at least 4 operators were required. They held bi-annual open houses with hundreds of people each for about 30 years at the "Roger and Faith Railroad". Roger loved greeting the children. Many visitor's videos of both the HO and G remain on YouTube. Search RF RAILROAD or use R&F, or R & F. At Facebook, use RFrailroad.

- Jim Wood

## Riverside Live Steamers Annual Luncheon

This year the RLS luncheon will be held Saturday, January 28th at the Riverside Marriott. Social hour at 11:30am with lunch at noon.



(2021 RLS Annual luncheon)

We will have a guest speaker, awards presentation and of course the 50/25/25 and raffle.

The Marriott is located at 3400 Market Street in downtown Riverside, right across from the convention center.

Price for Lunch is \$30.00 per person, menu choices are: Turkey, Ham or Roast Beef Sandwiches with salad, chips, cookie and bottled water.

Parking is available on the street along the Marriott, in the city parking lot to the North of the hotel or there is self-parking in the hotel parking garage for \$15.00 a car.

You'll be receiving a reservation form in the mail this month or can send in the form included in the Chron to reserve your spot right away. **No Walk-ins Allowed**

Mail your reservations to:

Glenn Maness, 25307 Alta Vista Dr., Moreno Valley, CA 92557

Please make your checks payable to: Riverside Live Steamers

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## December Calendar “Where Is It”?

This image is of Magnolia Avenue in  
Riverside, CA circa 1900.

**Thanks to Dave Bunts, Rich Casford, and Jim Wood 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*

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, Run Day Eastbound**

**Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Run Day Westbound**

**Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, Work Day 8:00am to  
3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, Work Day 8:00am to  
3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, Closed due to Christmas**

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, Run Day Westbound**

**Jan 1<sup>th</sup> New Years Run  
(Members Only - No public Trains)**

**Jan 28<sup>th</sup> RLS Annual Lunch**

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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.

## **THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Officers**

President: Dave Bunts  
Vice President: Bill Hesse  
Secretary: Mark Spaulding  
Treasurer: Randy Chase

### **Directors**

Director: John Gurwell  
Director: Chris Neiman  
Director: Kevin Zamp  
Director: Jonathan Rorhbach



## **R.L.S. ANNUAL LUNCH**

**Saturday January 28, 2023**

**Marriott Riverside**

**3400 Market Street**

**Riverside, CA 92501**

**11:30 a.m. – Social**

**Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch**

**1:00 p.m. – Program about Santa Fe #3751**

**Steam Locomotive based in Los Angeles**

Please return the form below. \$30.00 per person. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED

There will be door prizes, 50/25/25 cash drawing, videos, awards.

Social Hour at 11:30 a.m..

Lunch is at Noon. Choose one per attendee:

\_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Sandwich

\_\_\_\_\_ Ham Sandwich

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef Sandwich

Chef's choice side salad, chips, fruit, cookie and bottled water.

We need to have confirmed reservations and payment by **January 22, 2023.** Please list the names of the persons attending at the bottom of this letter and return your reservations, with check payable to R.L.S. as soon as possible to:

**Glenn Maness, 25307 Alta Vista Dr., Moreno Valley, CA 92557**

1. MEMBER \$30.00 per person: Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Guest/ Spouse \$30.00 per person: Name: \_\_\_\_\_