

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



November 2022



Last Call

Steve Hagen passed away 10/15/22.

Steve's enthusiasm for the Live Steam hobby and his smile as he rolled by in the Brakeman car will truly be missed.



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From the Right Hand Seat

Happy Anniversary!

Here are the membership anniversaries for November 2022

Congratulations!

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

Fall is upon us. With the Riverside weather more tolerable, we hope to have a lot more members out to the club. Not only should we see more members participating, but November is also the month we change the membership of the Board of Directors. You should receive your ballots in the mail. A short bio of the candidates is in this issue of the Chronicle. Be sure to get your vote in on time.

As my term as your President winds down, I want to thank all of you members that have allowed me to have an active part of making our club better. We, the Board of Directors, and the membership accomplished a lot this past year. I am sure the new Board of Directors will continue the progress we have made to make your participation at Riverside Live Steamers fun and educational.

We will be having our annual luncheon on January 28, 2023, at the Marriott Hotel in Riverside. There will be a presenter from the San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society to share information about the organization and give an update regarding Locomotive 3751. Be sure to send in your reservation promptly once you receive it in the mail, so you don't miss this presentation.

With the holidays almost upon us, I would like to wish everyone at the Riverside Live Steamers safe and happy holidays.

- Dan Williams

	Years
Jim Kreider	49
Paul Quick	34
Mike Gardner	26
John Gero	21
Tom Edgar	21
Joan Adams	18
Larry Jongerius	17
Robert Butler	14
Cameron McMonigle	09
Gil Beard	08
Dan Williams	08
Jerry Roth	04



Save the Date!!

**January 28th,
2023 The
Riverside Live
Steamers Annual
Luncheon**

**This years event will be held
at the Riverside Marriott near
the Riverside Convention
Center**



Along the tracks...

October has a small by dedicated group of members come out and prepare the railroad for the Fall Meet.

Two pieces of rail were replaced after damage by vehicles driving over the track to unload picnic or sports equipment. Then the power tamper was used to level about 100 feet of track in three areas.

Track was inspected and leaves blown off by Pat O'Guinn.

Compound cleaned up by Bob Roberts and Chris Neiman.

Roadmaster was the chef for the day and the Board Meeting was held at 1:00PM in the Engine House. All is ready for the meet, remember to volunteer with VP and Meet Chairman Bill Hesse to help where needed.

November workday will see the start of the track work need for the new third level lift. We will be moving the yard switches in David's Yard further towards Allen's Valley. This will allow for switching away from the lift. We will only be installing the switches at this time until we need to remove trackage for the lift concrete footings near the building.

November Chef will be Chris Enright for the noon meal. Board Meeting follows at 1:00PM and the ballots will be counted, and new board members elected. Remember your ballot must be mailed into Post Office Box, no hand delivered ballots will be counted at the meeting.

- Rich Casford, Roadmaster

R.L.S. Projects in the works...

Although a lot of RLS projects are addressed at the regular Saturday Work/Fun days, just as many are done throughout the month. Some are in support of the work that will be done on a give work day while others are very much their own stand alone projects. Many projects, just like on a work day, are team projects. Tom Lebs provides us with some insight into one of those stand alone team projects:

A couple of months ago John Gurwell asked if I could help build an improved merchandise cart.

It so happens that my son Steve was given two warehouse carts from his customer Volkswagen.



They measure 4' x 6' but the door opening at Hunter Station measures 33". So to get the cart to fit through the door I had to reduce the cart width from 48" to 32". I then cut 18" out of the middle and welded the two halves back together. I did the TIG welding and my son did the Stick welding. I also fabricated a new longer handle so it would be more user friendly for steering. It's now up to others to build a merchandise rack to put on the cart.

The Project now moves on to Scott Horgan who will take the design ideas from Tiffany Love and John Gurwell and start building the upper portion of the new cart.

Meet the Candidates!

Below are the Board approved candidates for the four upcoming Board of Director vacancies for 2022-2023.

Be sure to check your mail and get your ballots mailed back before the November 19th Board Meeting.

Only ballots received via the Post Office will be counted, NO walk in/Hand delivered ballots will be tallied.

	Bob Roberts - Member since 2014, Compound Supervisor, Cameras and Security Hunter Engineer, Brakeman, past Board Member.
	Malcolm Cook - Member since 2022.
	Dave Bunts - Member since 1996, Honorary Member, Past President and Board Member, current SMP, Safety Supervisor and Project Manager, Hunter Engineer and Brakeman
	Glenn Maness - Member since 1982, Honorary Member, Past President and Board Member, current Station Master.
	Chris Neiman - Member since 2016, past Board Member, Hunter Engineer and Brakeman
	John Gurwell - Member since 2012, past Board Member, Hunter Engineer and Brakeman.
	Randy Chase - Member since 1980, past Board Member, past SMP.

The 2022 Fall Meet

Some members just couldn't wait for the start of the fall meet. On Thursday afternoon we already had over a dozen members in the compound unloading and preparing their trains for the upcoming weekend. Steve Borchert and Owen Cascarelli set up RV's and provided compound security throughout the weekend.

Friday, the meet started in earnest as more trains unloaded and began running. Two dozen donuts vanished as if by magic as about 25 members and guests tested the track and helped with final set up in the compound.



Saturday morning breakfast had to start a bit early as members arrived before the sun. Served by our illustrious cooks Mark Spaulding and Tom Lebs, everyone got plenty to eat. Whether due to high fuel prices or inclement weather, the turnout was somewhat lower than the spring meet, but that just left more room in the steaming bays. There were at least a dozen trains and a total of about 40 members who signed in, many for all 4 days, though there were undoubtedly more.



There was a light rain falling as the sun rose on Sunday morning and

almost no one showed up until after seven thirty. The OS was a bit worried that the meet might be over, but the weather cleared with the sun and again over thirty members were present by the time the Hunter came out to play. Thanks to all the members who took time out from the meet to help around the railroad and support the public service on Sunday.

The San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society held their annual picnic in Allen's valley. Knowing we were having our meet the same weekend, they were particularly careful to avoid traffic thru the compound and keeping the west access road clear for our members to load up after the meet. For those lucky RLS members who stopped by the SBRHS picnic, we were all treated to an excellent catered lunch and plenty of conversation about our favorite subject: TRAINS!



The cooler weather and slightly overcast day made for a spectacular public turnout in the park to enjoy watching and riding the trains. Between the Hunter and several volunteer trains, the station handled over 590 passengers. That doesn't even count the number of RLS guests that caught rides from passing trains at Panorama throughout the weekend, and Matt Casford operating a party train for the SBRHS group.

- Bill Hesse

More of Bill's Fall Meet pictures can be seen on the Club Website:

<https://riversidelivesteamers.com/2022-photos/>

October 9th Run Day

Kevin Zamp was the O.S. on the first Run Day of October. Railroad operations were Eastbound Outside Loop.



Hunter passenger service was covered by Brakeman Jim Wood and Hunter Engineer Bob Roberts in the morning with Brakeman Mark Spaulding and Engineer Chris Neiman taking care of the afternoon shift. The birthday party train for the day was handled by Engineer Scott Horgan with Brook Adams working as Brakeman.

Out on the railroad were Doug Prescott on his 4-6-2 pulling his passenger cars and Gus Farwick representing freight on Ron Wilkerson's Mikado.



At the Station were Tiffany Love on merchandise, Station Master Glenn Maness, John Gurwell helping out on the platform, Tom Crue tended to the station yard switches and Marty Berg covered the four track crossing.

Also out enjoying the day were: Tom Lebs, Jerry Roth, Ken Mitoma, Jim Kreider, Jim Wood, Richard Miller, Bob Beard and Patty Ruyle.

For Sale



NORCO GONDOLA
\$ 600.00

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\$1,300.00



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BAY PSC
\$2,000.00

HARPUR/
ALLEN 2-6-0
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\$10,500.00



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AUX WATER TENDER \$500.00
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PUMPS, DRIVER CASTINGS, WHEEL
CASTINGS AND MORE.

For more information contact
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SAFETY FIRST

November Calendar "Who Is It"?



Upper Left: The Berkshire waits in Allen's Valley

Upper Right: Tom Lebs and Pat O'Guinn tend to the 0-4-0 switcher

Lower Left: Scott Horgan and Bob Roberts get the Hunter train ready for the days run.

Lower Right: Tom Lawson at throttle of his Berkshire with passenger Jim Wood and Brakeman Jerry Roth

Photos from the Fall Meet have been added to the Club website, check it out at:

<https://riversidelivesteamers.com/>

Thanks to Dan Williams, Tom Lebs, Rich Casford, 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

Upcoming Important Dates

Nov 13th, Run Day Westbound

Dec 11th, Run Day Eastbound

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

Dec 17th, Work Day 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm

Nov 27th, Run Day Westbound

Dec 25th, Closed due to Christmas

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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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