

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



January 2023



Last Work Day of 2022

Track and switch installs continue in David's Yard to get things ready for the installation of the the third level lift.

SAFETY FIRST

Presidential Words O' Wisdom



Well, we made it through December. While I hope that those of you that were good got lots of coal in your Christmas stockings that was hanging on the mantle.

The month was really bad for RLS, rained out on the one run day we were going to get this month, with Christmas day being the other and for obvious reasons it had been canceled as an organized event. The new year is on us as you read this, and it appears that with the activity around the club it's going to be a good one.

We have been approached to run a couple of educational events for a local school district. Randy Chase had developed and ran one event last year (oh, it's hard to say that because it was less than 2 months ago) and it was well received by the high school students and the teachers he hosted as part of an engineering field trip to the RLS compound. He is anticipating more of those. Details are still sketchy but let him know if you think you might be available to assist. Go ahead, do it blind, not knowing when or where. It will be another opportunity to help the club.

We have night runs coming in the summer months. These are 'a good time had by all' events and you should consider attending. There is something to be said about seeing a fire flickering just behind a headlight in the dark. We all have seen the old movies with steam engines in the dark, racing towards the next city. We may not make the next city, but the visuals are just as strong.

Each of us should have made our new years resolutions by now, I hope that each of you resolved to attend events at RLS as much as possible. We'd love to see you.

- David Bunts, President

Happy Anniversary!

Here are the membership anniversaries for January 2023

Congratulations!!

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

	Years
Bob Cummings	44
Kenneth DeNault	44
Don Lannon	35
David Bunts	27
Casey Farwick	21
Gus Farwick	21
Dayna Horgan	16
John Lytle	14
James Wood	11
David Weiss	09
Marlene Borsuk	05
Mark Ferguson	04
Sam Ferguson	04

RLS Calendars are still available....

We have a few calendars left in the Club House, they are \$10.00 each.

Pick up a couple when you come out for the next Run Day!





Along the tracks...

December Workday was a continuation 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. Another switch was installed on the car leads as we prepare for the next phase of the third level lift project.

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.'

In the meantime, the track alignment will look lumpy as we have not finished the final aligning of the tracks back to the switches.

January 14th be our next workday as there are 5 Sundays in the month. We move the workday to be Saturday in between the normal 2nd & 4th Run Days. Mark your calendars as we will continue switch installation on that day. Of course, the normal mainline inspection will take place and compound cleaning up.

Chef Chris Enright and family will return in January for the lunch period at Noon, with the Board Meeting at 1:00PM. All are welcome for the day, come early and stay late to enjoy your railroad.

See you at the railroad,

Road 2

- Rich Casford, Roadmaster

FULL HOUSE!! STORAGE 2023

DO YOU WANT TO STORE YOUR EQUIPMENT AT RLS?

All the RLS storage buildings are currently full. Storage invoices were 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 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

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Work Day 12-17-22

As the Roadmaster stated earlier in the Chron the work in David's yard continues in preparation of installing the third level lift.



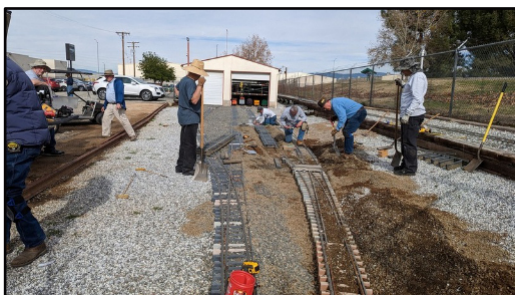
The recent rains that knocked out the first Run Day of the month did moisten things up a bit, though there was a lot of clay and ballast right where everything need to go.



While the track work was going in, Bill Hesse and his daughter Jennifer were busy behind the scenes getting the work day lunch ready.



Shovel work and switch laying went on right up until lunch time (with a few guys working past that). More pictures of the Work Day can be found on the Club Website: <https://riversidelivesteamers.com/2022-photos/>



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.



(2004 RLS Annual Dinner)

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 should have received a reservation form in the mail in December, if not you can send in the form included in the Chron to reserve your spot right away, dead line is January 22nd. **No Walk-ins Allowed**

Mail your reservations to:

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

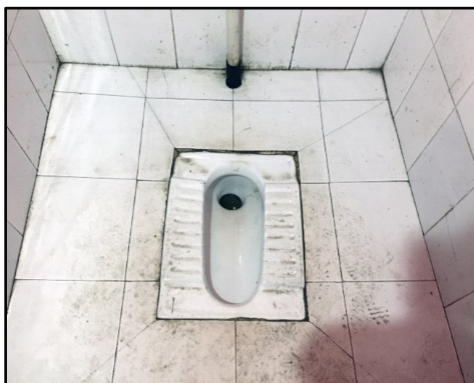
Please make your checks payable to: Riverside Live Steamers

I have been lucky enough to be able to travel the world on someone else's credit card. While I have enjoyed the whole thing immensely, it has exposed me to places and things that I have never been able to forget, and things I've never quite figured out. One of the things about Asia is the euphemistically referred to as "the facilities". We, in the West have these:



These things are relatively easy to use, clean up nicely, and generally comfortable with a nice seat that keeps our posteriors off the cold porcelain.

In Asia, I found these:



These are not even close to being comfortable to use, they clean up well using a hose in the cubicle to wash the dirt of the walls and foot pads and are generally flushed with a bucket kept in the corner. That exercise leaves the floor wet, and muddy foot prints all the place. Please also note there is no seat, these are used by squatting with one's

feet on either side of the trough. Getting older means my knees are not up to the squatting required to use this without help getting back up. I like the seat afforded by the western style.

In every Asian country that I have been in, in the companies I have visited, there has almost always been a stall door in the restroom that identifies the one western toilet that was installed for use by western visitors. This is done so there isn't a mix up with locals and they end up standing on the seat of the western style. It has been discovered that *everyone* objects to having to use a toilet with muddy footprints on the seat. In addition, we in the west usually don't have the ability to bring a hose into the restroom to clean it.

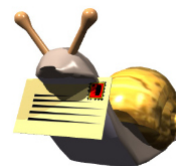
RLS asks that if one of our members feels the need to practice using an Asian style toilet before going overseas on an adventure, please confine your practice to your home.

- David Bunts

Elections, Turkeys, Candles, Conifers, Red Suits, Champagne and Resolutions.

A lot is packed into the last months of the year, did you remember to pay your 2023 RLS Dues?

Membership dues are late after January 1st. If you haven't yet paid them yet, get 'em in the mail!



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

January Calendar "Who Is It"?



Upper right: Wes Peterson and Bob Beard have a chat at panorama with Richard Ronne and Jim Krieder on the steam lead

Upper Left: Casandra Prescott at the throttle and Scott Horgan as Brakemen

Lower right: Engineer Sean Hagen and Brakeman Bob Roberts

Lower Left: Bob Roberts and Mark Spaulding bring the Hunter train out of the valley

Thanks to Dave Bunts and Rich Casford 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

**Jan 1th New Years Run
(Members Only - No public Trains)**

Jan 28th RLS Annual Lunch

Jan 8th Run Day Westbound

Feb 12th Run Day Eastbound

Jan 14th, Work Day 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm

Feb 18th Work Day 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm

Jan 22nd, Run Day Westbound

Feb 26th 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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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: _____