

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



April 2023



At Hunter Station

As his passengers exit to the rear of the platform Sean Hagen tops off the water in his tender with Tiffany Love looking on. Station Master Glenn Maness and Brakeman Anthony McBride prepare to load passengers on to the train.

SAFETY FIRST

Presidential Words O' Wisdom



Once again, I am writing this with massive pressure from the Chron editor, who is far more on the ball and prepared than I am. I envy the boy....

(Someone {a music writer for the film industry} was supposed to be doing a movie score. When the producer asked how it was coming along, the writer said he was struggling with it, and didn't seem to have a feel for the music. The producer said something along the lines of I'll give you more time. The writer told the producer I don't need more time, I NEED deadlines!" Brook does really well at this.)

The spring meet is nearly upon us. A whopping 3 weeks away. Our illustrious Vice President and ramrod of the meets, Bill Hesse, will be eternally (or at least for a short time) grateful for any help that you as member can provide. These meets have always been a way to showcase just how a Live Steam club should be run – friendly folks, a well maintained and functional railroad and good times had by the guests from all over the area. Give Bill a hand to help maintain that reputation. Even an hour or two spent at a switch helping to direct the chaos in Allen's Valley goes a long way towards the overall impression that we want. Besides it gives one the opportunity to admire the iron steeds that we only see at the meets as they go by.

I have to report that David's Yard, or portions there-in will be closed for a period between now and the

meet to allow the footings for the third level lift go in. Please don't shoot at the construction folks, they're only doing the best they can to make the process as painless as possible. If you feel the absolute need to yell at someone, find me; I am available. Please do keep in mind that I have suffered a medical malady recently, and one of the lasting effects is that I can't hear people yelling at me anymore. So, yell away if it makes you feel better, it won't bother me in the least.

I want to commend Randy Chase, Brook Adams and the rest of the committee that put together the STEM kids from Yucaipa visit to RLS. There were extra seats available on the bus, so some of the other kids, ones that aren't heading on the STEM path, were invited to attend as well. The way Randy and company set the program up was ideal for moving kids around, and like most young ones, everyone wanted to stay with their friends. This seemed to work, and I was surprised at the questions that were asked by the various groups. Even the non-STEM kids were interested, and asked some questions that showed they were engaged in the demonstrations and exhibitions. The STEM thing may not be their 'thing', but it was an excellent opportunity to show some history and get all the students' minds working. I hope to be able to participate if Randy needs me again – it was that much fun.

A last note – we are closed for the public on the first run day in April. It's Easter, and the Board of Directors has voted to close RLS for the Holiday.

- Dave Bunts, President



Along the tracks...

March Workday saw a small, dedicated track crew install two parallel tracks out to the new switch installation for Tracks H & I.

With the recent California rains, the ground was perfect for digging and laying track. Track-I took some time to align the curve of the switch into a smooth arc and then proceed to the track at the storage building door.

Track-H was installed with a minimum of effort as it was the running track through the switch.

Initial ballasting and alignment/leveling was then completed on both tracks right at Noon time for lunch!

Lunch was served by our own Chef Chris Enright & family with BBQ hamburgers with all the trimmings and side salads. Thank you, Enright's!!

Next Workday is April 15th. This is the traditional clean up and make sure everything is ready for the Spring Meet the following weekend. No major projects will be performed on this day. Meet Chairman Bill Hesse would enjoy having you out to the facilities to lend a hand, both Saturday April 15th and at the meet the next weekend April 20,21,22, 2023. If everyone helps no one is stuck doing all the work. Meets takes planning and volunteers to be successful.

Come out and support your railroad.

Road 2

- Rich Casford, Roadmaster

RLS 2023 Spring Meet

That's right folks, it's April and the Spring Meet is upon us!

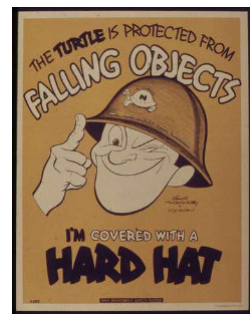
The Spring Meet will be held April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.

Vice President and Meet Chairman Bill Hesse will be "at the throttle" of the event, if you are available to help out please let him know. You can contact him at whese@pacbell.net

Come on out and enjoy the fellowship and fun of our live steam hobby!!

Heads Up!!

There are several projects under way in and around the Noble Quick Building. If you haven't been out in awhile please keep an eye on your surroundings and watch your step!!



Safety First!!

March saw a lot rainy weather and people trapped in-doors. The last run day in March saw a bunch of people taking advantage of the Spring like weather in Riverside. If you made it out on the 26th you saw folks out everywhere at the park.

Train Crews need to be extra aware of their surroundings, keeping an eye out not only at the grade crossings but also along the right-of-way where there is known high foot traffic and ice chest crossings.

Run Day 3-12-23

So far, the Gods of Steam have smiled upon us. The weather has been wet during the week and clear for our Run Days!



Jonathan Rorhbach covered the duties of O.S. for the lightly attended Run Day. The morning shift on the Hunter train was covered by Engineer Chris Neiman and Brakemen Mark Spaulding, the afternoon was handled by Engineer Bob Roberts, with Brakeman Doug Prescott.



Out on the rails and assisting with public passenger service were Engineer Sean Hagen at the throttle of his 2-8-0 and Brakeman Anthony McBride. Freight service was represented by Pat O'Guinn running his Mogul, Gus Farwick operating Ron Wilkerson's Mikado, Steve Borchert on the cushion of his 2-8-0 and Wes Peterson on his 2-6-0.

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Work Day 3-18-23

Work progressed in David's Yard on removing, relocating, reinstalling the yard tracks to make way for the new hoist for the upper level of the Noble/Quick building.



As Roadmaster Casford anticipates more adjustments and alignments in the future please be patient if the current yard configuration is a little "lumpy and bumpy" in spots



While this was going on at the South end of the Compound general cleaning and upkeep of the steaming areas and Clubhouse proceeded on the North side.



Run Day 3-26-23

Steam..steam..steam!!



By far the neatest thing about the early Spring weather in California is the cool damp mornings. Couple that up to our fire breathing miniature Iron Horses and you can get quite a steam show before the day warms up in the afternoon.



O.S. Duties of the day were handled by Board Member Kevin Zamp. Morning Hunter train crew was Engineer Brook Adams and Brakeman Mark Spaulding, afternoon shift was Engineer Jonathan Rohrbach and Brakeman Jim Wood. Additional passenger service at the station was handled by Engineer Sean Hagen and Brakeman Anthony McBride running Sean's Consolidation.

Also out on the railroad were Jonathan Chase, Randy Chase and Cameron Lannon running the Borsuk 2-6-2 and the Lannon Atlantic, Gus Farwick and Warren Peterson fired up and ran Ron

Wilkerson's Mikado. Jonathan Rohrbach got some cushion time in on his 0-4-0 Vertical and Doug Prescott was out on his Pacific.

Throughout the day we had 27 members show up in the Compound and several guests. The passenger count was 702, thanks to everyone that helped out!

**** Extra Board ****

Yucaipa High School Event 3-8-23

As mentioned by President Bunts R.L.S. participated in Yucaipa High School's engineering department's STEM event.



Special Events Committee Chairman Randy Chase really worked his tail off getting this event together and "herding all the cats" that go with a project like this.



Of course life has a way of interfering with our hobbies and fun and Randy has been no exception to this rule. During all the meetings and phone calls with Yucaipa High Randy was still in the process of

setting up his machine shop, including equipment, wiring, plumbing and air all the while executing his newly acquired position as Club Treasurer without fail.



Randy will have a full summary for us in the May Chronicle, for now here are a few of pictures from the event.

Bunts Bypass Tie Wall

Several months back the Board approved the installation of a retaining railroad tie wall on the East side of the Bypass Track.

This was an effort to stop the constant slithering of slope materials due to the parks irrigation from crawling it's way under the bypass track and filling in the walkway behind the Noble/Quick building.

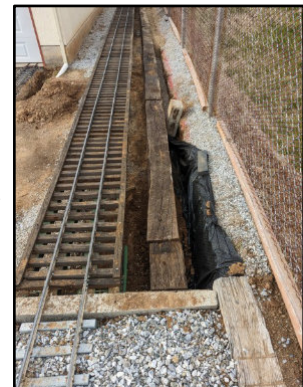


Project manager Bob Roberts figured that the time to strike... err... dig was right as our recent rains had a two day break this past week and we all know as soon as that California sun gets going that

soft clay soil will turn to jackhammer adobe!



Wrangling assistance from Chris Neiman and your truly on Monday and Tuesday, Bob was back at it at the end of the week to finish it up!



Photos from the Chron (and more) have been posted to the Club's website. Check them out at: <https://riversidelivesteamers.com/photos/>

In Memoriam...



The Club has learned that Pat O'Guinn's brother John had passed away February 25th.

John was not a member of R.L.S. however he did support the Club as Meet

Breakfast Chef for many years.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the O'Guinn family.



Happy Anniversary!

Here are the membership anniversaries for April 2023

Congratulations!!

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

	Years
Andrew Carlson	54
Matt Swain	27
Stephen Davis	26
Richard Miller	20
Charlie Kennemer	20
Bill Hesse	20
Jonathan Chase	19
Michael Wieroski	16
David Wieroski	16
Bob Sorenson	16
Richard Ronne	13
John Gurwell	11
Tom Lebs	07
Dale Chamberlain	06
Kyle Teixeira	04
Kira Kaufman	04
Gail Woodward	02
Shawn McCarty	01
Denis Rohman	01

DID YOU KNOW?
Freight railroads haul about 1.7 billion tons each year.

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Upcoming Events...

OCME Spring Meet:

April 28th, 29th & 30th

CALLING ALL LIVE STEAMERS – JOIN US AT THE GOATHILL JUNCTION RAILROAD IN APRIL

For more information:
<https://ocmetrains.org/>

Southern California Railway Museum:

Antique Truck Show

May 6th, 2023

For more Information:
<https://socalrailway.org/scrm-events/antique-truck-show/>

Los Angeles Live Steamers Spring Meet:

May 26th, 27th 28th & 29th

For more information:
<https://lalsrm.org/save-the-date/>

The Riverside Live Steamers Spring Meet

April 21st, 22nd, 23rd



April Calendar "Who is It?"



Upper Left: Manny Caldera providing Brakeman's class

Upper Right: Dave Bunts, Pat O'Guinn, Tom Lawson, Dan Williams, Mark Spaulding (behind Dave) and Tom Lebs

Lower Left: Dave Bunts, Pat O'Guinn, Tom Lawson, Dan Williams, Mark Spaulding and Tom Lebs

Lower Right: Randy Chase, Bill Hesse and John Gurwell

Thanks to Dave Bunts, Bob Roberts 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

April 9th CANCELED for Easter

May 14th Run Day Westbound

April 15th Work Day 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm

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

April 21st 22nd 23rd Spring Meet

May 28th Run Day Westbound

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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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