

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



July 2023



Working On The Railroad

The June Work Day saw more track realignments in David's Yard.

The little railroader next to Jonathan Rhorbach is 5 year old Jack. Jack and his grandparents were walking in the park Saturday, Jack saw us working said he wanted to help out, thanks Jack!!

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Presidential Words O' Wisdom



I have to write something every month so the Chron editor has something to fill up a column or so. Some months it's

easy to have the thing finished. (although if you ask the editor it is the last the last article submitted). Other months, it's like trying to pull hens teeth to come up with an idea. It's called writers block, and it happens to everyone. I can't do an Ernest Hemingway and drink myself stupid in Havana bar, and Hunter Thompson's use of either recreational pharmaceuticals or a Vincent Black Shadow with a wide open throttle across Marin County doesn't seem to be in the cards for me either. So, with all that being said, I'm going to fake it.

The club has raised the prices of both the soft drinks and birthday party trains. I know that each of us does talk to the folks in the park from time to time, and the birthday party thing does come up on occasion. I think that we all realize that we are the face of RLS to the folks we talk to, so if you're unsure, direct them to the station and have them chat with Glen.

On the same sorta subject, the blue fliers that we stock in the Merch cart are being reworked. It seems that some fine example of the crooked class got our old web address assigned to him, and is now happily soliciting donations on line to help keep RLS going. The English used on the website is British English, not American English, so it has to be operating from someplace the Brits had an influence on the educational system, but that could be almost anywhere. The club has looked into trying to stop the scam but it's nearly impossible. So we have our very own Nigerian Prince scam running using our name. Let's hope that most of the folks who stumble onto that site have some sense, and don't send any money. The new fliers will have the

current web address, and I don't think it solicits donations.

Come out and enjoy the railroad, watching the trains pass by from Allen's Valley or Panorama Point is always fun, and your sure to end up in conversation with a like-minded member of the organization. What better way to spend a Sunday?

- Dave Bunts

Party Trains

At the June Board meeting the Board of Directors decided to increase the cost of Birthday Trains from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per hour. The trains have been the same amount all the way back when the Station was along Columbia. So, if you are approached by the general public regarding Birthday Trains be sure to tell them the new amount and have have them contact Station Master Glenn Maness for scheduling.

Night Run...

The third R.L.S. Night Run of 2023 will be Saturday July 1st.

If you plan on being there please let John Gurwell know how many will be in your group either by phone call or text at (909)205-7382.

The grill will be fired up at 5:00pm.

Operating Headlights and Flashing Rear-End devices are required.

Come on out and enjoy the railroad in the cool of the evening!



Along the tracks...

I have missed the April, May and June workdays due to my assignment as the Risk Officer for the

Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad running between Chama, NM and Antonito, CO.



Recently a brakeman took ill, I am now covering his position on the Antonito to Osier and return on train #215-#216, 3 to 5 days a week as brakeman. Gets me out of the office and into operations.

I am pleased to report that the hard-working members of RLS continue their good work in improving the facilities and track.

I will be on site for the July workday where we hope to continue our track alignment work in David's Yard in preparation for the installation of the third level lift for Noble Quick building.

Last month a dedicated track crew connected tracks F & G to the new switch south for longer lead tracks. Other general maintenance items were also handled in the compound and out on the mainline.

Lunch will served by our own Chef Chris Enright & family. The Enrights have volunteered to be our camp cooks for the odd numbered months. If anyone would like to help provide lunch to the workers on the even numbered months, please contact me at rich@wmp.net or (575) 756-4413.

Come out and support your railroad. Everyone loves to operate

trains and we can all have as much fun on the workdays improving the railroad.

Road 2

- Rich Casford, Roadmaster

Save The Date!

The 2024 RLS annual Dinner will be held Sunday Jan 7th, 2024 at Habanero Restaurant/951 Event Center at 2472 University Ave., Riverside.

\$25.00 per person, social hour starting at 5:30pm, chicken fajitas, cheese enchiladas, rice & beans, garden salad, chips and salsa

Use the registration form in this months Chron to get your reservation in early!

July What's Happening

July 1-4, 2023 Bitter Creek and Western 4th of July Meet. For more info check out their website at: <https://www.bcwrr.org/events.html>

Happy Anniversary!

Here are the membership anniversaries for July 2023

	Years
Brian Ratliff	46
Warren Peterson	25
Chris Enright	17
Leonard DeAngeles	15
Tim Wheeler	11
Christopher Caldera	11
Cindy Caldera	11
Manny Caldera	11
Irma Caldera	10
Ken Mitoma	08
Wes Peterson	05
Kevin Zamp	05
Tom Crue	02
Lex Neiman	01

Night Run June 3rd

I would like to express my thanks for all the member and guests who came out to the June third night run. I feel it was a great success. We had 34



members, 16 guest (if I managed to get them all signed in), over 20 different dishes for the potluck. Four Board members shared the duties and responsibilities of the day. I appreciate everyone's contributions and help, thank you all who came out.



One a side note, I would like to explain a simple fact to the entire membership, that we do not have a janitorial staff. Bob has asked a few times over the years to please simply throw your trash away when at the Compound. So, me not being as nice as Bob and Chris who are supposed to maintain all the other things in the Compound, let me just say to everyone wake the f*cking up and throw your trash away, clean up behind yourself. It is absolutely no other members responsibility to clean up your f*cking mess!!!!

Thank you,

John Gurwell

Run Day June 11th

Run Day and CHILDHOOD CANCER RUN

First, I want to thank everyone that came out to help for the Regular Run Day and the Childhood Cancer Run. President Bunts wasn't able to make it out for his O.S. Duties so since I had to be there for the evening run with the Childhood Cancer Kids, I took over late morning as John Gurwell opened up.

With some early morning rain as our opening O.S. John was telling me he was going to cancel the run day since it was raining and he was acting O.S. that morning. (Of course, he was laughing as he is telling me this) Trying to get my goat. Thanks Buddy!!! Okay back to the run day. It turned out to be a very nice day cool and a great day to run STEAM ENGINES. We had a good turn out of members and the weather held out for the run day with no rain and nice temps.



We had one derailment but thanks to Tom Crue hearing that something didn't sound right and quick action to signal Brook, they stopped the train. Brook and Tom found that one truck mid train had jumped track. They stopped the train with no incident. Great Job Guys.

Brakeman duties are NOT to be taken lightly they are very important and this is why we have Brakeman and Brake Women on the trains. As an Engineer myself and have done many long train pulls as many of you know and this was our usual train not a long one. An engineer most of the time can not hear or feel a mid-train derailment. So, whomever is the Brakeman / Brake

Women you are very important to the safety movement of that train.

The Childhood Cancer Kids Group started to set up about 4:00pm with the group showing up at 6:00pm for the rides, food, games, and movie. There were approximately 175 people registered how ever considering the weather and the threat of rain it kept some people away. All in all, I think



there was about 125 that showed up. We gave 200 rides of course a lot of repeats and we ran half the track going thru the crossover. There were no incidents and had two trains running the rout. The last train arrived back with riders at 8:15pm and the movie started at 8:15pm. We picked up and cleaned up as the group watched the movie. There was some very light mist towards the end of there movie but nothing major. I think we locked up about 11:15pm.

Again, I think everyone had a GREAT time. There is a lot of gratitude and good feelings when we can do this. I only set up and organize these events. Everyone tells me I did a Great Job and I appreciate it very much but, I can NOT do this without the help I get from You our members. I appreciate all your help and support setting up and running these events. We do a GREAT JOB!!!!

- Randy Chase

Riverside Live Steamers Treasurer

Run Day June 25th

Secretary Mark Spaulding was the Operating Superintendent of the June 25th Run Day.



At the station covering the four track crossing was Marty Berg, Tom Lebs helped out at the merchandise cart, Station Master Glenn Maness oversaw the station activities.



Across the way from the station, Vice President Bill Hesse and member Garibalde Figueroa setup a display of stationary steam engines and Garibalde's not so stationary traction engine.

Helping the Hunter train in passenger service all day were Sean Hagen, Richard Ronne, and Nick Ellis. Hunter train duties were covered by Brook Adams, Brakeman Tom Crue with Mark Spaulding swapping his O.S. cap for Brakeman's hat for the last half of the day.

Also out on the railroad were Steve and Peggy Borchert, Pat O'Guinn, Wes Peterson and Sierra Cacace.

Out enjoying an early Summer day of live steam were Scott Horgan, Dave Bunts, Betsy Shaw, Malcolm Cook and Liam Cook.

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July Calendar "Who is it?"



Upper Left: Brakeman Tom Cruie on the Hunter passenger train.

Upper Right: Bob Roberts chatting with Gus Farwick.

Lower Left: Gus farwick and Richard Miller stand next to Ron Wilkerson's Mikado with Scott Horgan in the background.

Lower Right: Brian Stephens, Ron Wilkerson and Bob Beard discussing the finer points of live steam.

Thanks to Dave Bunts, Rich Casford, Chris Neiman, Betsy Shaw, Randy Chase, John Gurwell 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

July 1st Night Run

July 23 Run Day Westbound

July 9th Run Day Westbound

August 13th, Run Day East Bound

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

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

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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.

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R.L.S. ANNUAL DINNER

Sunday January 7, 2024

Habanero Restaurant

951 Event Center (right next door)

2472 University Ave

Riverside, CA 92507

6:00PM

Please return the form below. \$25.00 per person. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED

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

Social Hour at 5:30PM

Garden Salad Chips and Salsa

Chicken Fajitas, Cheese Enchiladas, Rice & Beans

We need to have confirmed reservations and payment by **December 23, 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 \$25.00 per person - Name: _____

2. Guest/ Spouse \$25.00 per person - Name: _____