

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



August 2023



Out Of The Valley

**Engineer Scott Horgan at the throttle of the Hunter engine with
Brakeman Jim Wood leaving Allen's Valley headed to Summit**

SAFETY FIRST

From the Editor...



August marks the midpoint of Summer, with

cooler days on the horizon. For our railroad operations crews this will be a welcomed break, however for the Club itself, this is when things start to “heat up”.

Fall is the start of the busy season, administration-wise, for RLS. Those of you that have served on the Board in the past know that starting in September, board members will start asking around for interest nominees to run for the four seats available in November.

Of course we have our Fall Meet in October, but when you look at it through the prism of work days we currently only have three remaining work days until the Meet. The Vice President will be getting his ducks in a row to have everything in place and ready by October 20th for the Meet.

The Secretary starts preparing things for the upcoming Board transition in November as well keeping an eye on memberships. As is tradition the new Board will pick Officers and Directors after the vote count, this year the outgoing Board members will leave vacancies at the Secretary and Vice president positions.

The Club Treasurer starts their busier season in the Fall, dues are payable in November but we have members that pay as early as October. In December all dues are due and the following January storage due notices are mailed out.

The outgoing Board members and the four remaining Board members will form a committee in December to work out who will be honored with annual awards, and all this activity pretty much culminates with the Annual Dinner.

I mention all this as a reminder that there is a lot going on behind the scenes to keep the railroad and the Club operational (and I’ve left out a lot of stuff). Come out and be a part of it. Run your equipment on the Run Days,

even if you are not pulling public just rolling through the station add excitement and animation for the folks waiting in line. When you can, come out for the work days, you can even let the Roadmaster know in advance that you are available so that he can better plan the work day activities. Stay for the meetings, this gives you a front row seat as to what is going on and coming up for the Club.

- Brook

Images from the Chron and more are on our Website at:

<https://riversidelivesteamers.com/>

Last Night Run Of 2023

The Final R.L.S. Night Run of 2023 will be Saturday August 5th .

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.

This Night Run will also be our Vendor Appreciation Night.

Instead of a pot luck, pizza will be purchased for the Night Run, 2 slices of pizza and drinks for \$10.00

The \$10.00 cost for the pizza dinner is to pay for member attendee’s meal as well as paying for our vendor guests meals.

Some of the vendors invited to the Night Run on August 5th have provided discounts to the club, some have refused to accept payment for work performed on behalf of the Club.

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...

July Workday had a small crew arrive before the heat got too bad.

Track work in David's Yard consisted of leveling track that had been installed on the workday in June.

Roadmaster ran the blower car over the figure 8 track pattern in preparation of the next run day.

Lunch was served by the Roadmaster with the famous tube steaks!

Please be aware that August Workday might be canceled due to upcoming plumbing repairs in the compound. We will send an email notice if the water is turned off for the workday. If in doubt, please email or call me at (575) 756-4413 to confirm we are working on August 19th.

The Enright family have volunteered to be our camp cooks for the August and September months. If anyone would like to help provide lunch to the workers on the even other 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!

Party Trains Reminder

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.



Happy Anniversary!

Here are the membership anniversaries for August 2023

Thanks for everything you do to keep RLS going!

	Years
Brendon Hilton	29
Bill McLaughlin	20
Tim Wheeler	11
Aaron Caldera	10
Ken Long	8
Owen Cascarelli	8
Bob Chamberlain	7
Tom Brody	7

Night Run

Though called a Night Run co-Operating Superintendents Randy Chase and John Gurwell were in the Compound at 11:10am Saturday getting things ready for the evening's run.

The temperature was a toasty 103° at 3:00pm but cooled down quite a bit by 5:30pm. Seventeen members made it out along with nine guests.

The next and last Summer Night Run of 2023 is August 5th.

Run Day July 9th

After relatively cool (for our area) May and June, Summer made itself known in July.



Jonathan Rhorbach was O.S. for the Run Day of the 9th. Hunter passenger service was provided by Engineer Scott Horgan and Brakeman Jim Wood in



the morning followed by Engineer Bob Roberts and Brakeman Mark Spaulding in the afternoon. Helping out with passenger service were Sean Hagen at the throttle of his 2-8-0 with Anthony McBride as Brakeman. At the

station we had Station Master Glenn Maness, Bill Hesse and covering the four track crossing Marty Berg.

The July Birthday Party Train was taken care of by Doug Prescott at the throttle of his 4-6-2 "Pacific" with Tom Crue and Nick Ellis as train crew. Also out on the railroad were Wes Peterson running his Atlantic with assistance from Sierra Cacace.

Braving the heat to enjoy the hobby were Mike Harris, Gus Farwick, Jim Kreider, Jim's sister Patty Ruyle and Jake.

Work/Fun Day Aug 19th

Summer work days are always a bit hit or miss. Along with the obvious warmth, summer also brings along family trips and vacations and family commitments. Even with a light crew things were addressed. A crew worked on leveling the recently reinstalled tracks in David's Yard, Roadmaster Rich Casford took the blower car out on the railroad and assessed the weed growth on the right-of-way, the Compound was cleaned, The SMP worked on the Hunter locomotive and a new regulator was installed in the Hunter train air car.

After lunch it was determined that there would not be a quorum of the Board. President Bunts opened the Board of Directors meeting, announced the lack of quorum, asked if there were any thing from the Board that could be addressed without a vote. Following that he asked the floor the same question, hearing no other issues the meeting was adjourned in under 15 minutes.

Run Day July 23rd

The second Run Day in July was Westbound and figure eight. Our Operating Superintendent of the day was President David Bunts. At the Station we had Tom Crue, Tiffany Love, John Gurwell, Chris Neiman, Marty Berg covering the four track crossing and Station Master Glenn Maness. The Hunter train crew in the morning was Brook Adams and Jim Wood, afternoon was Scott Horgan and Tom Crue.



Assisting with passenger service all day was Sean Hagen and Richard Ronne taking turns at the throttle of Sean's Consolidation with Anthony McBride as Brakeman. Taking advantage of the overcast day Tiffany Love ran a couple of laps as Hunter Engineer. Though a lightly attended Run Day we still had members Bob Beard, Mike Harris, Nick Ellis, Bill Hesse, Mark Spaulding, Jonathan Chase, Randy Chase, Jim Kreider and guest Patty Ruyle out enjoying the live steam hobby.



East, West, Outside Loop, Figure Eight.....

For those that may not know and those that may have forgotten, operational direction of the Run Day is based on the number of the month it falls in. Even numbered months are Eastbound, odd numbered months are Westbound. Now, you're probably thinking to yourself "Well that all fine and dandy but East and West of what?". The East and West direction is through the Columbia Yard (or the steam lead out of the Compound along Babb's building if you like). Columbia Yard was one of the original Station locations. The "Outside Loop" and "Figure Eight" pattern adds a little change of pace for passengers that visit frequently as well as regular engineers.

So, the August Run Days will be Eastbound through Columbia, outside loop on the 13th and figure eight on the 27th.



For Sale:

Tom Artzberger designed 2 1/2 inch scale ten wheeler (4-6-0) steam locomotive kit with



tender. All parts have been machined by Pike Lake and Eastern Hartford Shops and waiting to be assembled. Chassis has been assembled and run on air. Includes all drawings.

\$23,000.00

Contact George at: sagebrushslrr@gmail.com
(Photo of completed engine from Hartford Shops - <https://www.tacllc.biz/>)

"G" scale equipment for sale:

Equipment

- SD40-2 Diesel Locomotive
- Santa Fe NW-2 Cow Diesel
- Santa Fe NW-2 Calf Diesel
- Aristo-Craft Southern Streamline Baggage
- Aristo-Craft Streamlined Passenger Car
- Aristo-Craft G Streamlined Diner Car
- Aristo-Craft G Streamlined Dome Car
- Aristo-Craft G Streamlined Observation Car
- Aristo-Craft Track Cleaning Car
- Aristo-Craft Union Pacific 20' Gondola
- USA Trains Searchlight Car
- Aristo-Craft Rio Grande Illuminated Caboose
- Aristo-Craft Triple Dome Tank Car
- USA Trains Pickens Box ar
- Aristo-Craft G Piggyback Flatcar
- Aristo-Craft G Stock Car
- USA trains 3 Diamonds Reefer

Track

- 51 feet of track
- 2 switches
- 2 Track ends
- 31 curved sections of track

Power Supply

BridgeWorks Power Supply

Contact Nancy Seimears for pricing and availability
(760)868-9355

Thank You!!

A big thank you to the Borsuk Family for their July donation of \$500.00 to the Club.

Events and Things:

Trainfest 2023: A Celebration of Past, Present & Future

Saturday and Sunday, September 9 & 10 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm daily at Los Angeles Union Station

<https://unionstationla.com/happenings/trainfest-2023>

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAILWAY MUSEUM

HOT AUGUST NIGHTS AT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAILWAY MUSEUM

Southern California Railway Museum is thrilled to announce the first Hot August Nights – a 1976 or older classic car show with something for the whole family!

For more information please check out their website at: <https://socalrailway.org/scrm-events/hot-august-nights/>

RLS in the City...



On Wednesday July 26th, the Riverside Parks and Recreation Department hosted a 'Volunteer Recognition BBQ' as part of the monthly 'Concerts in the Park' held at Fairmont Park. The department took the opportunity to recognize a number of volunteer organizations from parks, recreation, and community service locations from throughout the city.

The Riverside Live Steamers were invited to attend, and were mentioned by Parks Director Pamela Galera in her address to the several hundred visitors enjoying the evening's entertainment. Several city employees who were present took the time to tell us about the many positive reviews they've received about RLS from the public.



A number of long time residents of Riverside took the time to tell us about their memories of RLS. Some were unaware that the railroad was still in operation. It gave us an opportunity to discuss our close relationship with the city, and the complete remodel of the park in 2009. Everyone was invited to our regular run days.

Randy Chase had an opportunity to discuss the visit we recently had from Yucaipa High School with city manager Mike Furell and our future plans to host similar visits from the Riverside high schools. The proposal was well received.

- Bill Hesse

Care to toss your hat in...?

Have you thought about running for the RLS Board of Directors?

In September the Board will start actively looking for nominees.

At the October Board meeting, the Board will approve the nominee list, ballots and nominee info will go out the first of November

At the November Board meeting, the ballots will be tallied with newly elected Board members stepping in as the outgoing members step down.

The outgoing Board members (Spaulding, Hesse, Zamp and Rhorbach) will be leaving vacancies in the Vice President and Secretary positions. Being a Board member gives you a unique look at what it takes to operate our railroad.

If you are interested in running for the 2023-2024 RLS Board contact club Secretary Mark Spaulding

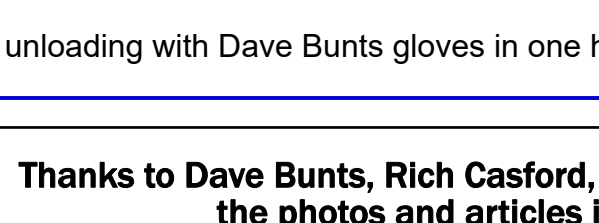
August Calendar "Who is it?"



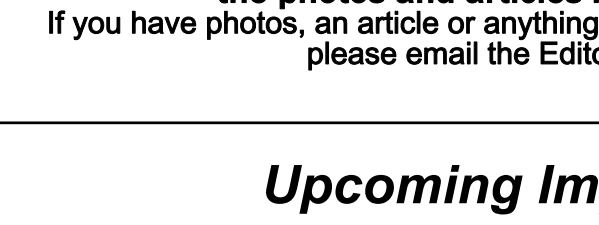
Upper Left: The backs of Jim Kreider, Richard Ronne, Doug Prescott, Scott Horgan and Mark Spaulding



Upper Right: Chris Neiman brings the Hunter train out of Allen's Valley.



Lower Left: Bob Roberts and Ken Mitoma roll through Panorama



Lower Right: Jonathan Rhorbach walks by Bob Chamberlain and Tom Brody unloading with Dave Bunts gloves in one hand coffee in the other ready to go.

Thanks to Dave Bunts, Rich Casford, Jennifer Kennedys 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

August 5th Night Run

August 27th Run Day East Bound

August 13th, Run Day East Bound

Sept 10th Run Day West Bound

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

Sept 16th 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.

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 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: _____