

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

October 2023



Southbound through Panorama

Doug Prescott brings the Party train through Panorama Point headed to Allen's Valley with Brakeman Scott Horgan at the rear of the train and Brakeman Lex Neiman watching from the tender.

RLS Fall Meet October 20th, 21st and 22nd - Come On Out!!

News You Can Use...

VOTE Elections are soon...

This month 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 or any Board member.

What's Happening...



The Central Coast Railroad Festival October 6th - 8th

The Central Coast Railroad Festival (CCRRF) is a broad-based festival that focuses on railroading of many types with an eye toward the beauty of the central coast of California. More info can be found on their website at: <https://ccrrf.com/index.html>



The Southern California Live Steamers Evening Halloween Trains October 27th and 28th

from 5:15pm to 8:30pm. Tickets are \$10.00 per

person at the station. More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/SoCalLiveSteam>

October in Railroad History...

One of the first train robberies took place October 6th 1866 on the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad. Near the city of Seymour Indiana the robbers, later identified as the "Reno Brothers", broke into the Adams Express Company car, emptied one safe and pushed the other off the train.

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!

Happy Anniversary!

Here are the membership anniversaries for October 2023

Thanks for everything you do to keep RLS going!

	Years
John DeNault	46
Tomas Paral	35
Mike Harris	24
Dave Swanson	23
Marty Simmon	23
Caroline Parrent	19
John Gardner	17
Michael Reeves	17
Andrew Martin	14
Mark Spaulding	11
Patrick O'Guinn	10
Michael Goi	07
Zachary Halama	06
Bill Schirmer	05
Joe Kennedy	02

2023 Fall Meet

October is here already, and that means the fall meet is only three weeks away. The weather is finally starting to cool, so it should be a fine weekend for running trains and visiting with old friends.



(Fall Meet 2017)

Three weeks may seem like a long time, but it also means there's only one work day to prepare. The road master and compound supervisor will appreciate all the help they can get to ensure the railroad is ready for a smooth running meet weekend. The remodeling on the restroom and kitchen are progressing, so we should have the club house fully available for the meet.

There's a sign-up sheet on the soda machine in the club house for volunteers to cook breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, Train crews for the Sunday public trains, and anyone planning to camp in the compound who can provide security. If there's no one staying in the compound, all trains will have to be put away and the compound secured at the end of the day.



(Fall Meet 2015)

If you're available for breakfast, or planning to stay in the compound, please let the meet supervisor know as soon as

possible. E-mail to whesse@pacbell.net or phone 951-544-2740.

We're going to try something new this year. Boy Scout troop 40 will be selling lunch on Saturday from around 11 O'clock until the food runs out. Revenue from the lunch goes to the scouts, with no cost to the club. With the scouts doing the cooking, there should be no need for RLS members to take time away from running trains. The railroad will still have water, sodas, and ice cream for sale in the club house. That saves everyone from having to shut down their engines to run in to town for lunch. If it works out, we may expand it on future meets to dinner on Saturday and / or lunch on Sunday. Let the board and the scouts know what you think. Two of the scouts are junior members of RLS and two of the leaders are members. This is a fine time to introduce the boys to the live steam hobby.



(Fall Meet 2016)

The parking area outside the south gate, next to Allen's valley, is clear and level so there should be plenty of room for trailer parking. Please try to keep the area around the loading lift and transfer table clear unless actively loading or Unloading.

- Bill Hesse

Run Day September 10th

At 9:00am light showers were falling in the Compound as engines were readied for a days worth of operations. By 9:45am the showers were gone but the clouds stayed low and threatening. Train operations were Westbound Outside Loop with Jonathan Rorhbach as Operating Superintendent.

Out on railroad in the morning were Sean Hagen and Richard Ronne running

Sean's 2-8-0 assisting with passengers at the station. Steve and Peggy Borchner were out on their 2-8-0. The Hunter train crew in the morning was Engineer Chris Neiman with Brakeman Mark Spaulding,



Mark stayed on for the afternoon and Brook Adams took over as Hunter Engineer. At the station we had Marty Berg flagging the four track crossing, Tiffany Love at the merchandise cart and Glenn Maness as Station Master.

Doug Prescott fired up his Pacific with Brakeman Scott Horgan and Assistant Brakeman Lex Neiman to pull Birthday Party Train. Wes Peterson was out afternoon on his 4-4-2 and made a few laps before the end of the day.

Brian Stephens took advantage of the cooler weather to work on his 2-8-4 on the steaming bays. A big thanks to everyone that made it out to help out with the Run Day.

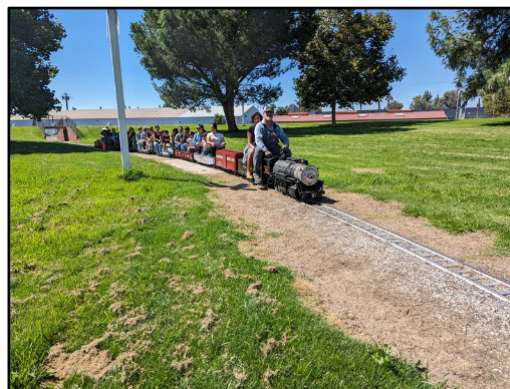
Run Day September 24th

Operations were Westbound figure eight, with Kevin Zamp as Operating Superintendent. The morning was cool and humid but it did manage to warm up to 85 degrees by the end of day. At the Station we had Station Master Glenn



Maness, Merchandise was taken care of by Tiffany Love, Tom Crue was covering station switches and Marty Berg flagged the four track crossing, with Bill Hesse assisting at the platform.

Sean Hagen with Brakemen Anthony McBride and Chris Neiman helped out pulling the public with Sean's 4-8-0 "Consolidation" all day. The Hunter train was staffed with Brakeman Jim Wood and Engineer Brook Adams in the morning and Engineer Bob Roberts and Brakeman Tom Crue in the afternoon.



Also out on the railroad were Nick Ellis, Scott Horgan and Doug Prescott running Doug's consist, as well as Steve and Peggy Borchner running their 2-8-0.

Enjoying the live steam hobby on this Run Day were Bob Beard, Tom Brody, Bob Chamberlain, Jerry Roth, Tom Lebs, Gus Farwick, Richard Miller, Mike Harris and Cameron McMonigle.

ANOTHER DAY AT THE RAILROAD

Let's have a BALLOON celebration!!!

Well, let's see. Tuesday evening Jonathan and I (Randy) cut the Melamine for the back of the sink area and loaded it into the truck. Great we are now ready to install this part of the puzzle. The next day started out to be a good day at the Railroad. I called Bill Hesse and Bob Roberts to let them know I was on my way to the Compound so we could all meet up to put up the Melamine that we had discussed a couple days before. I did my running around that I needed to do for the club and got to the compound about 11:30am. Bob was already getting his stuff done and Bill had just gotten their when I arrived. Great we talked about what we were going to do and went to

work. WOW that was great we got what needed to be done and it fit perfect. Two good things!!!

Alright I'm Hungry and so was Bob. I decided to get some lunch and head home, Bill was going to head home and Bob was going to eat his lunch there and do some more finish before paint work on the restroom so Bill and I can paint. I ate lunch and remembered that Bob said the joiner sanding pads were worn out and not sanding so, I went to Bauman's Ace Hardware to get some sanding pads. No Problem, got them and took them back to the compound.

Upon getting to the compound, I noticed two, what appeared to be Mylar balloons, in the power lines, caught on the middle power line to be exact, and they were blowing toward the East. I park the truck, it was a little before 2:30pm and gave Bob the sanding pads and we talked for a couple minutes and I was going to call the City to tell them about the Balloons. Bob went back to sanding and I went back to the truck when there was a HUGE BOOM!!!! Bob ran out calling me to



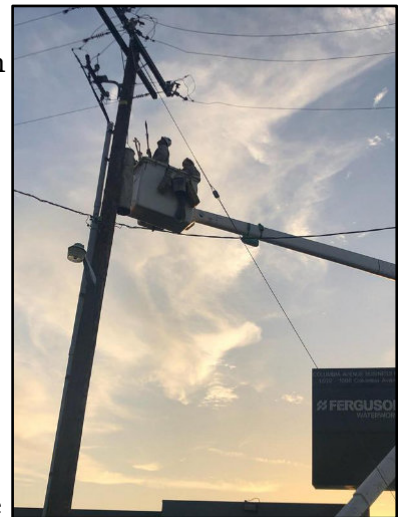
make sure I was alright not knowing what had just happened and of course I yell back I'm ok. I didn't get hit by anything the fuses as most of us know where about 35-40 feet from where I was on the pole. Bob called the

city to report the outage and what happened. The city power employee got out there in about 45 minutes to survey the problem. Of course, we talked with him showed him the balloons or what's left of them and we thought he was just going to put in new fuses and we would be golden. NOT!!!! This was a trouble shooter he comes out see's what the problem is and calls for assistance. We see him leave and we tried to let him know we still don't have power, but are you kidding me, he already knows that. I called the city power

just to see if more people called, we could get faster service!!! Ya Right!!!! Ok anyone from the city power department please laugh!!!!

So, here's what happens. We call for outage and the city sends out a trouble shooter. If he can fix the problem he will, if not he calls in a team for help. The team arrived about 6:00pm we chatted, told and showed them what happened, and they went to work. The crew was fantastic and were informative. We found out that because the way the wires were setup for us by a private contractor that the City wanted to make it so it was safer for the workers on the line so it took a little longer than was expected. They finished about 8:00pm and Bob and I turned everything on and locked up.

I would like to thank on behalf of the Riverside Live Steamers, all the people that help our organization out from the City of Riverside. I think that the city should know how well they represented the City of Riverside and we want you to know how much we appreciate your support and help when we need it.



Randy Chase

Riverside Live Steamers, Treasurer

Images from the Chron and more are on our Website at:
<https://riversidelivesteamers.com/>

SAFETY FIRST



October Calendar "Who is it?"

Upper Left: Brian Stephen on his 2-6-0

Upper Right: Chris Neiman sweeps the rocks out of the grade crossing

Lower Left: The #3000 sits ready to start the Run Day

Lower Right: Sean Hagen heads down into David's Yard

Thanks to Bill Hesse and Randy Chase 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

SAFETY FIRST

Upcoming Important Dates

**Oct 8th Run Day East Bound
Outside Loop**

**Nov 12th Run Day West Bound
Outside Loop**

**Oct 14th Work Day 8:00am to 3:00pm
Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**Nov 18th Work Day 8:00am to 3:00pm
Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**Fall Meet Oct 20, 21 22
Run Day Figure Eight**

**Nov 26th, Run Day West Bound
Figure Eight**

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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

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Treasurer: Randy Chase

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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: _____