

# *THE CHRONICLE*

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NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

February 2024



## **Headed up the grade**

**Jim Krieder seen here at the the throttle of #764 with Bob Chamberlain as Brakeman, new member Michael Capalety in the riding car and his wife Jennifer taking pictures from the shade of a tree.**

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## It's A Hobby...

The first month of the year is done, and we are nearly half way through winter (well, what passes for winter in SoCal anyway). In addition to our regular run and work/fun days this month we had a New years day run and our Annual Dinner. Regarding the Annual Dinner, there has been a decrease in attendance to these dinners or luncheons over the years. In fact, this year, two weeks prior to the dinner Glenn had only 18 people on the reservation list. The Board would like to get the memberships' opinion of this type of event in general. We've created a quick yes or no survey at Google Forms, please take a moment and provide your input at: <https://forms.gle/j9xacvCtCBrJgnJHA> (No Google account required)

Our Special Events committee presented a list of Club events for the rest of the year to the Board of Directors at the January meeting. Some of these items are a little outside of what we have done in the past and some are not. Committee Chair Randy Chase and his team spent quite a bit of time coming up with the list, look for Randy's write up in this months Chron.

Speaking of busy, the tag line "Never not working..." from the Head and Shoulders 2022 Super Bowl commercial starring Troy Polamalu could easily be the motto of the Board members and mangers of this railroad.



Run Days, Work/Fun Days, and all the events do not spontaneously occur. Through out the month, there are a whole raft of items are being taken care of in the background to keep the club operational. Do keep that in mind when you come out to operate your equipment.

With that said, do come on out to the railroad and run your equipment! Very few things are quite as enjoyable as getting the fire just right, rolling along the railroad, listening to the bark of the engine up the grade. Even if you prefer to just run light freight or just your engine, come out and

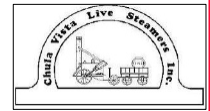
enjoy your hobby time. Each time you pull through the station you add a little animation to the railroad, a small diversion for those waiting in line to board the Hunter train and little excitement for our passengers.

See you out on the railroad!

- Brook

### Want to Lend a Hand?

Randy Chase has talked with Scott Lewis of Chula Vista Live Steamers. Scott was thinking we could come down the first weekend in March, that would be March 02, 2024 and help out.



If there are any members that would like to go down and help out that weekend, please contact Randy Chase and let him know. The sooner we know if anyone is interested the better we can plan. This might be a one day trip or two day - It all depends on how many RLS Members are willing to do this and what all Chula Vista need to get done.

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#### 2024 RLS Calendars are still available!

Do ya need something to go along side that classic Monet painting you have? Maybe you need to cover a mystery stain on the wall from last New Years Eve party, whatever the reason we got you covered!!

We have calendars available in the Club House, they are \$16.00 each.



# RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS

## Special Events Committee 2024

EXTRA RUN DAYS AND NIGHTS

1. April 7, 2024 - Operations Meet:  
What does this entail? We are going to run the railroad as if we are a full-size railroad with car movements and passenger trains. We will first start out with a small group (but all are invited to help or observe) so we can practice and learn to see if this can work for us.
2. April 20, 2024 - Work Day Evening Run:  
Work Day starts at 8:00am. If you are participating in the evening run you must be at the Work Day by 9:00am and ready to work on the railroad. This gives our folks that live a long distance away a chance to get to the club and participate. NO running until work is complete and NO Bench Warmers... with the exception of those with disabilities. We can find something for them to do.
3. May 5, 2024: Operations Meet II  
This will be the second Operations Meet. Yes, it is two months in a row. This should give us enough time to revise and reconfigure if we need to from the trial run.
4. June 1, 2024 - All Day and Night Run:  
East/West Bound Figure-Eight and Long Train Pull  
Why? So that you can have an opportunity to pull as much as you think you and your engine can handle up and down the grades.
5. July 6, 2024 - Night Run:  
Typical Bidirectional, L. at Bottom, R. at Top
6. August 3, 2024 - Night Run:  
Typical Bidirectional, L. at Bottom, R. at Top
7. August 31, 2024 through September 2, 2024  
Riverside Live Steamers Invade another Club:  
Get a group of RLS members together and go to other clubs. Stay the night or two if you want and enjoy other facilities. This year we go to Chula Vista Live Steamers. Why? To visit and support other clubs.(TBD due to storm damage)  
It may be better for us to take a day or two to help them get their operations going then go for a run.

8. October 5, 2024 - Night Run:  
West/East Bound Figure-Eight

9. October 19, 2024 - Work Day Evening Run:  
(TBD if April 20th Work Day Evening Run goes well)

*These events have been Board approved. Come on out and have some fun!*

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### Run Day January 14th

With morning temperatures in the high 40's our run day got off to a brisk start.



Mike Harris and Tom Lebs checked out the railroad first thing.

The morning team on the Hunter passenger train was Scott Horgan as engineer with Jim Wood as Brakeman. Scott shared his time with Dave Bunts.

The afternoon Hunter train was crewed by Engineer Chris Neiman and Brakeman Nick Ellis, Tiffany Love also got some Hunter cushion time as well. Helping out with passenger service was Sean Hagen and Richard Ronne at the throttle of Sean's 2-8-0, with Anthony McBride as Brakeman.

The station crew lead, by Station Master Glenn Maness was filled out with Marty Berg at the four track crossing, Tiffany Love at Merchandise and Chris Neiman helping out at the platform.

On the railroad through out the day were Dean Willoughby, Randy Chase and Jonathan Chase running Dean's 4-8-4, Brian Stephens fired his Mogul, Pat O'Guinn made a few laps on his 2-6-0. In the steaming bays Mark Spaulding worked on this Pacific, Steve Borcher tended to his 2-8-0 and Richard Miller worked on Charlie Kennemer's Mogul.

Thanks to everyone that made it out to enjoy the day!

## Board Meeting 1/20/23

Secretary Roberts provided the minutes from the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, Treasurer Randy Chase provided account balances and bills paid. The cashless donation system (Square) is up and running, the first Run Day donations through the new system totaled \$20.00.



Supervisor reports were provided, the proposed by-laws change was voted on by all those in attendance and passed. Board member Chris Neiman presented Dave Bunts with his award plaque in recognition of his support of the club throughout his membership career. Under new business from the Board President Adams read an Honorary Member status proposal for member Paul Quick. After a discussion, a vote was called for from all members in attendance, Paul's approval was unanimous.

## Run Day January 29th

Blue skies and warm temps gave more of a feeling like early Spring than of six days away from the middle of Winter.

Bob Chamberlain and Mike Harris got an early 7:00AM start on the day with Bob firing his Berkshire and Mike doing a check of the railroad after disposing of leaf litter. By 9:00AM the steaming bays were busy. Up at the station Chris Neiman worked on getting everything ready for the



Run Day as Tom Brody, Bob Chamberlain and Richard Ronne eased through the station yard. Along with Chris at the station we had help from Tom Crue, Tiffany Love at merchandise and Station Master Glenn Maness

On the Hunter engine in the morning was Bob Roberts with Brakeman Rich Casford, in the afternoon Rich stayed on while the engineer team switch and Scott Horgan took over the throttle.

Richard Ronne and Anthony McBride provided additional passenger service at Hunter Station. With Bob Chamberlain taking a lap on Richards engine.

Also out on the railroad for the day were Richard Miller running Charlie Kennemer's 2-6-0, Brian Stephens on his 2-8-0, Steve Borcher at the throttle of his Consolidation with Bob Beard tending the rear of the train, Doug Prescott made a few laps on his Pacific, and Jim Krieder found himself astride a Berkshire.

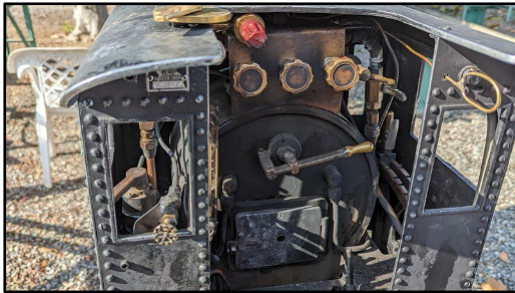
Also out enjoying this un-winter like day were Jerry Roth, Marty Simmon, Mark Spaulding, Bill Hesse, Randy Chase, Patty Ruyle, Jonathan Chase, Kim Chase and Kevin Zamp.

Thanks to everyone that made it out to help and enjoy the day!

## For Sale - Update



**Charlie Kennemer is selling his 2-6-0 locomotive and tender, flat car with tool box, riding car and caboose.**



**Charlie is asking \$25,000 for the whole set.**



**As Charlie has a hard time hearing over the phone Richard Miller is helping out with the sale. You can contact Richard at (951)905-0147**



**John Deere... Nope, not a Superhero movie about a guy with antlers but an item for sale!**



**Gail Woodard has this Deere 3230e for sale.**

**Though not 1:8 scale, it is a compact utility tractor.**



**Selling for \$25,000 or best offer, runs excellent,**



**Contact Gail Woodward 760-868-5343**

## From the Compound Supervisor/Security

Bob Roberts

After the rain we had early in the year it was decided it was time to start the trench from the propane tank storage containers to the corner of Noble/Quick building. Early Friday January 17<sup>th</sup> I started with a trenching shovel and Randy started with his backhoe. We cleared the gravel off of the surface in the trench line and started digging. It turned out to be a long grueling day. Despite the rain, the ground was very hard packed from all of the vehicle traffic the area gets. In the end we managed to get all of the trench completed by 15:30 hrs. We then started gluing and laying the conduit.

By 16:30 we finished putting the conduit and box in place and started filling in the trench. As a precaution we





laid yellow “Caution Buried Electric Line” tape on top of the protective sand layer. This stuff works! We found the Blue tape for the water and air lines within six inches of where we expected to find it. We buried, tamped, scrapped, and smoothed until

1845 and decided to call it a night.

The next morning (Saturday 1/13/24) several brave workers came out to finish the area with fresh gravel and dig out the area outside the gate to David’s Yard. This involved removing several old RR ties and replacing them after the dirt was removed.

Thanks to Randy Chase, Todd Lunstrum, Chris Neiman and Brook Adams for helping with this Big Dig.

## The 2024 Annual Dinner

January 7<sup>th</sup> was our RLS Annual Dinner. This year the event was held at Habanero Restaurant in Riverside about 3.5 mile from the Club.



Bill Hesse graciously acted as M.C. for the event. As usual for the evening event a 50/25/25 raffle was held with \$163.00 going to the Club with a few donated items going home with members.

Dan Williams provided a presentation of the Billy Jones Wild Cat Railroad.



Annual awards were presented, this years recipients were:

Live Steamer of the year: Randy Chase  
 Hogger of the Year: Sean Hagen and Richard Ronne  
 Brakeman of the Year: Mark Spaulding  
 Special Award Life Time Achievement - Dave Bunts  
 Club Kitchen Project: Bob Roberts, Randy Chase Chase, Jennifer Kennedy, Bill Hesse, Chris Neiman



Thanks to Habanero Restaurant for hosting the dinner, and a big thank you to Glenn and ElDonna Maness for organizing and coordinating the event.

**For more images of events and run days Visit the Club Website at: <https://riversidelivesteamers.com>**

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# From The Back Shop

Update on the C16

In a moment of insanity, I volunteered to take the chassis of the RLS C16 2-8-0 to my shop to make repairs and upgrades to get the locomotive operational again. I normally spend about 40 hours a month in my shop. I'm currently constructing a Railroad Supply 4-4-0. I will devote about 8 hours a month working on the C16. I plan to bring it back to RLS running on air.

Photo 1 shows the chassis ready to be loaded into my trailer after this year's Fall Meet. There was some difficulty moving the chassis because the lead truck was removed.

I already had rebuilt the valve gear rods and the link. I also turned new drivers to their initial size. The drivers currently on the chassis are 7 inches in diameter, with all wheels flanged. The new drivers will be 7 ½ inches in diameter, with the two center drivers blind.



Photo 2 shows the eccentrics currently on the second axle. The boss on one of the reverse eccentrics has been broken. One of the forward eccentrics has a crack. The eccentrics are cast iron. Hopefully I will only need to replace these two.

I removed the side rods to check for wear (Photo 3). Fortunately, there was little wear except for the bearing on one side of the connecting rod between the third driver and the fourth. I will replace the bearing and bolt. Photo 4

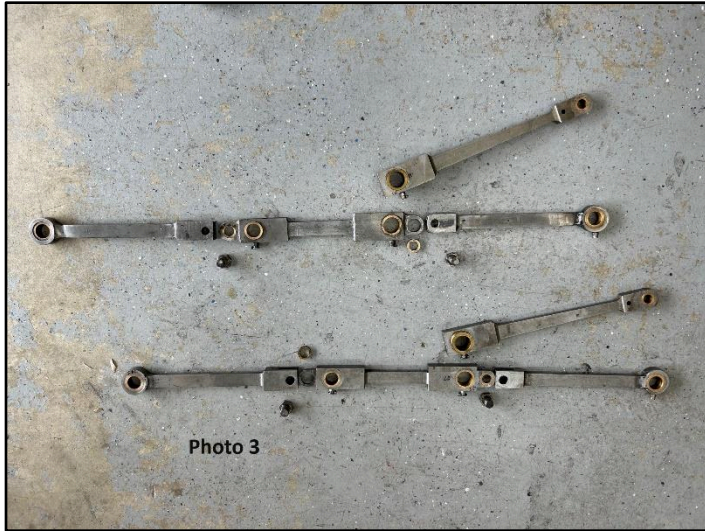


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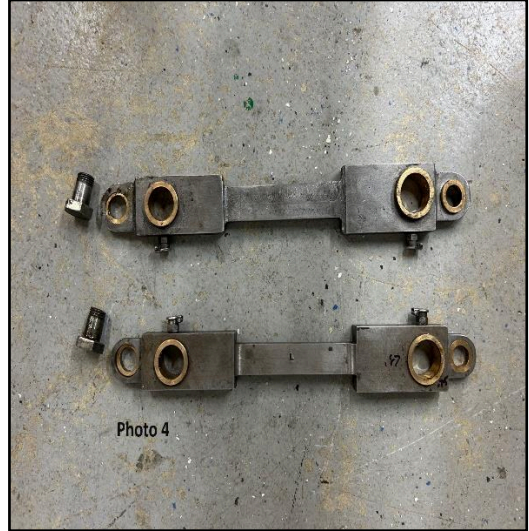


Photo 4

Photo 5 shows the rebuilt front truck. A special thanks goes Sean Hagen who rebuilt the truck. The wheel diameters needed to be increase because the new drivers will be

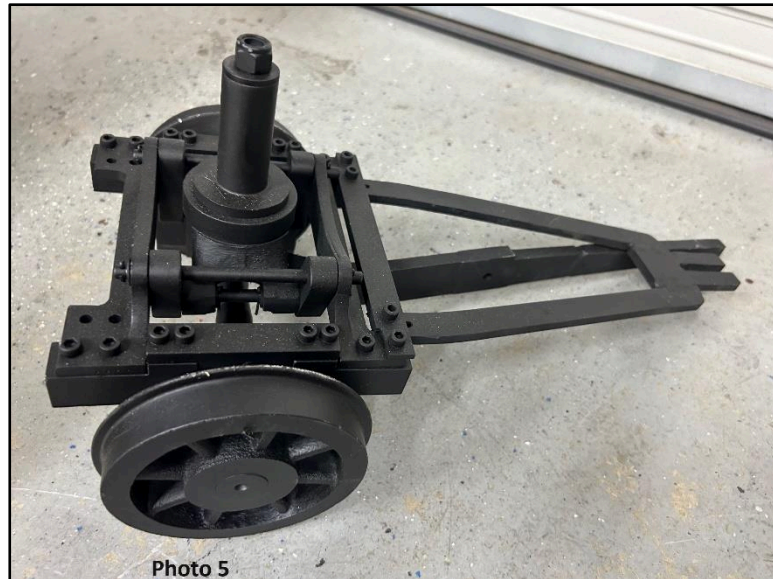


Photo 5

a ½ inch larger in diameter.

I checked the brakes. Only one set of drivers had brakes, which were very worn. There is no room to have brakes on the third set of drivers. I will fabricate links for brakes for the first and second set of drivers. Photo 6





Next item to check will be the spring rigging. I hope I can reuse the axles and crank pins.

- Dan Williams.

*Editors Note: Dan provided this update last month but due to an editing error it did not make it into the January Chronicle.*

## February Calendar "Who is it ?"



Top Left: Bob Roberts on the Hunter train leaves Panorama with Sean Hagen and Anthony McBride looking on.

Top Right: Ron Wilkerson, Jim Krieder, Warren Peterson and Bob Bread.

Lower Left: Eastbound past Big Pine.

Lower Right: Glenn Maness and Bill Hesse on the Station platform, Jonathan Rorhbach takes on water on the Party Siding.

**Thanks to Bob Roberts and Dan Willams 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](mailto:editor@rlsrr.com)

## Upcoming Important Dates

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Run Day Eastbound  
Outside loop**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> Run Day Westbound  
Outside Loop**

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Work/Fun Day 8:00am to  
3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> Work/Fun Day 8:00am to  
3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Run Day Eastbound  
Figure Eight**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> Run Day Westbound  
Figure Eight**

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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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