

# *THE CHRONICLE*

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NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



December 2024



## **Mid-Day Crew Change**

**Roadmaster and City Liaison Rich Casford takes over the Hunter train as Station Master Glenn Maness looks on. Thanks to Jim Wood for the photo!**

**SAFETY FIRST**



## It's A Hobby...

December is here and the holidays are upon us. December also brings cooler and damper weather, a little of which paid us a visit last Run Day making for quite the steam show for well over half of the day!

At the November meeting, the ballots were tallied and your new Board members are Mark Spaulding, Joan Adams, Jonathan Rohrbach and Kevin Zamp. Thanks to everyone that threw their name in the "Candidate's Hat". All four directors have served on previous boards so we should have a great team for this year!

Your Directors and Officers are:  
President: Brook Adams  
Vice President: Wesley Peterson  
Secretary: Bob Roberts  
Treasurer: Joan Adams  
Officer: Mark Spaulding  
Officer: Kevin Zamp  
Officer: Jonathan Rohrbach  
Officer: Richard Ronne

A big thanks to outgoing Board Members Tom Crue, Randy Chase, Chris Neiman and John Gurwell for all of the work they put into keeping the Club running smoothly.

We have plenty of things happening this coming year; work continues on the third level lift, we are waiting approval from the Parks Department of the first phase of a proposed bypass track out of Allen's Valley on the old 1" right-of-way, the Columbia Fencing project will be nearly funded and work will begin on that, plus Night Runs, Operational Meets and other special events.

The new RLS Rules Books are at the printers with Randy Chase working out the last formatting details with them. We hope to have them out to you in the coming month.

In this coming year I want to encourage everyone to come and enjoy your club and participate when and how you can.

Brook

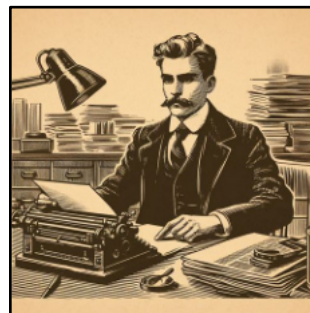
*Brook Adams - President*

### Do you want to help out?

Your Club needs a new Compound Supervisor. If you are interested let any Board Member know.



## From the Chronicle Editor



A super big thanks to everyone that submitted articles and photos to the Club's newsletter in this past year!

More good stuff is on it's way in 2025, if you have photos or articles you'd like to send in you can do so at [editor@rlsrr.com](mailto:editor@rlsrr.com)

Brook  
*Brook Adams - Editor*

## 2025 RLS Calendars



The 2025 RLS Calendars are in stock at the Club House. Get 'em soon, they are going fast!!  
\$10.00 each





## Along the Tracks

Run Day November 10<sup>th</sup>, during normal

public train operations, we discovered the Noble Junction switch #1 had developed a worn frog. This wear point was starting to cause wheels to catch as the train passed through the switch.

As luck would have it, Master Switch Builder Richard Ronne had a brand-new right-hand switch in the compound ready for installation.

Saturday, November 16, 2024, the RLS track gang assembled to replace the NJ#1 switch. With the recent rain the day before, the work zone was perfect for track work.



It had been several months since the track gang had replaced a switch; however the skill sets were not lost on the crew. Within two and half hours the new switch was installed ready for the night run later that day.

Timing is everything in the railroad business. To complete David's Yard realignment for the new third level left, one additional used right-hand switch was needed. With the replacement of the NJ#1 switch before it had become damaged beyond use, the track department will be able to use the old

switch to complete the yard alignment project.

After returning to the compound, part of track crew spread DG across five of the car storage tracks, Track E – I, under the lift zone for better walking surface. With the coming winter rain, the DG will set up for a smooth surface.

December 14, 2024, will be our next Work (FUN) Day at RLS. Our plan will be to continue alignment work in David's Yard. Depending on the track crew turn out, we might finish the project before Christmas.

Plan now to join us! Tom Lebs will be our chef for the day providing lunch at Noon to the workers, with the new Board of Directors meeting to follow at 1:00PM. Come out and enjoy your railroad friends and help improve RLS.

See you on December 14<sup>th</sup> for another fun day.

Road 2

- Rich Casford, Roadmaster

## STORAGE BUILDINGS ARE FULL!

The RLS Storage buildings are full so please do not bring any equipment out to put in the buildings if you see an open track. Every track is rented at this time. If you need storage, please let me know so I can put you on the waiting list.

***The third level lift for the Noble Quick Building should be finished in early 2025 which will open additional storage space for cars and improve locomotive track availability.***

The RLS Board of Directors adjusted the storage rates in 2024.

**Locomotive tracks: \$12.00 per foot per year.** (transfer table access)

**Floor tracks in Noble Quick Building: \$7.00 per foot per foot**

**Floor tracks in Babb's Building and Barney Barn: \$5.00 per foot**

**Shelf tracks via bridge: \$5.00 per foot**

Those members who do have stored equipment at RLS will be receiving their storage invoice soon. I will be making some small adjustments in track assignments to use every spare inch of track space.

- Rich Casford, Storage Manager

## From the Special Events Committee

YUCAIPA HIGH SCHOOL  
STEM PROGRAM FIELD TRIP

Hi All Participating RLS Members,

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 is coming up fast. Much needs to be done before the students arrive. I am going to try and get to the park no later than 5:45 am to start setting up. I could use some help at this time to help set-up. I have to leave the club by 6:45 am to get to the first part of their field trip. I will need some people to help finish setting up while I'm gone. The students should show up at the club about 10:00 am and we need to start promptly in order to get them through everything. The day will be hectic, but it is very rewarding for those that can participate.

Please contact me to let me know if you're available and can help set-up. I could also use a photographer so we can get pictures for the chronicle. I do have many other positions filled

but it never hurts to have extra members around to help.

If I don't answer the phone, please leave me a message and I will get back to you.

Randy Chase

*Randy Chase, - Special Events Committee*  
909-725-6012

[specialevents@rlsrr.com](mailto:specialevents@rlsrr.com)

## Run Day November 10<sup>th</sup>

The first run day of November brought in a beautiful Fall blue sky day! Richard Ronne was acting O.S. for John Gurwell and got his day started promptly at 7:30am. Passenger service was handled by the ever present #733 with Sean Hagen and Anthony McBride alternating as Engineer and Conductor. Hunter Engineer training continued with Tom Crue firing the 5057 and taking it the first passenger lap. Jim Wood took care of the Conductor duties for the morning shift.



At the station; Marty Berg covered the four track crossing, Tiffany Love was at the merchandise cart, general platform duties were handled by John Gurwell, Chris Neiman and Tom Crue, and Station Master Glenn Maness was there to oversee it all. The afternoon shift on the Hunter train was taken care of by Engineer Rich Casford with



Conductor Jery Vargas taking the rear of the train.

Out on the railroad representing freight service was Bob Chamberlain at the throttle of #762. Pat O'Guinn took a few laps on the cushion of 2-6-0. Nick Ellis ran a few laps on Doug Prescott's Pacific and Richard Miller had Chuck Kennemer's 2-6-0 out as well. Engineer Tiffany Love took a passenger lap at the throttle of Sean's Consolidation and Jim Kreider got some seat time in on #762.



As we operate in a public park, RLS train crew are always on the lookout for issues or obstructions on the railway. This Run Day threw a bit of a curve ball at the 733 passenger train with five wild burros blocking the entrance to Palm Garden. Anthony McBride opened up the whistle to let the equines know that the need to move along and so they did!

## Run Day November 24<sup>th</sup>

The second Run Day in November was a bit cooler with a higher humidity for the day which was great for live steam railroading! Richard Ronne was Operating Superintendent of the day that finished off with 546 passenger going through the station.

Moving those passengers along were the team of Sean Hagen and Anthony McBride at the throttle of Sean's 2-8-0. On the Hunter train for the day were Engineer Brook Adams with Conductors Jim Woods, Jery Vargas

and Sam Ferguson finishing off the day.



Hunter Engineer training continued with Kevin Zamp get some cushion time in the morning. Out on the railroad enjoying the live steam hobby were Jonathan Rohrbach on his 0-4-0 vertical, Warren Peterson took a few laps behind his Mikado, Richard Miller was at the throttle of Charlie Kennemer's Mogul, Doug Prescott rolled out his narrow gauge 2-8-2, back in the steaming bay Dan Williams and David Moore worked on David's Challenger locomotive. The Station crew of the day were Station Master Glenn Maness, Tiffany Love on the merchandise cart, Chris Neiman and John Gurwell taking care of the platform and Marty Berg overseeing the four track crossing.

## Know Your RLS By-Laws

I want to thank all the members who were able to vote on the updated By-Laws at the Annual November Meeting. In case you were not able to attend, the club voted in favor of the committee approved, board approved, and attorney reviewed By-Laws that members of RLS have been working on all year. The new 2024 RLS By-Laws will be posted by January 1<sup>st</sup> on the members' area of the website or you may email me for a copy.

There wasn't anything overwhelmingly monumental changed in the document. Most of the changes were spelling, capitalization, grammar, punctuation,

format, and labeling to make the language consistent throughout the entire document. However, there were about 10 content changes made and you can find where these changes are in the Dates of Revision in the Appendix on the very last page.

One example of a content change included a change in the treasurer section from “check” to “account.” In the old days, everything was actually paid with checks from a checking account. Today, of course, many of the club’s bills are paid from online accounts. So, this was just a matter of bringing the language up-to-date for 2025.

Another change was to our Roadmaster’s duties in Section 6.1. The old language said the Roadmaster was responsible for all organization “owned” facilities and equipment. Now, the Roadmaster is in charge of all organization “owned, controlled, and/or operated” facilities and equipment. You’re welcome, Rich! Obviously, this doesn’t change what the Roadmaster was already handling, just clarifies the job and, most importantly, aligns the language to other areas of the By-Laws.

What about this... How many types of membership do you think RLS offers? Some might say two types like Regular member and Non-resident Member. Others might say three. Both answers, though, are incorrect. There are 4 types of memberships within RLS: Regular Member, Junior Member, Non-resident member, and Honorary Member.

Well, if you stuck through this article, maybe you know a little more about the By-Laws. So, as George W. Bush famously said standing on the deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln in May 2003, “Mission Accomplished!” Oh, wait a minute...

-Chris Neiman, **Former** Chair of the 2024 RLS By-Laws Committee

## SAFETY FIRST

## Your 2025 RLS Membership Dues are due December 1st

Get them in before the January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline!

**Resident Member - \$70.00**  
**Non-Resident Member - \$35.00**  
**Junior Member - \$15.00**

You can mail your checks to the Club at:  
Riverside Live Steamers  
P.O. Box 5512,  
Riverside, CA 92517-5512

**Dues can be paid online through the Club’s Square account, there is an added processing fee to do so. You can use the links below for the appropriate membership dues:**

Resident Member:

<https://square.link/u/IVglU63z>

Non-Resident Member:

<https://square.link/u/DzVYcOle>

Junior Member:

<https://square.link/u/8pfYodxt>

## RLS Annual Dinner



The 2025 RLS Annual Dinner will be held at

**Habanero Restaurant January 19<sup>th</sup> in their 951 Event Center at 2472 University Ave Riverside, CA 92507. Send in the form at the end of the Chronicle to reserve your place before Jan 1st.**

## December Calendar "Who is it ?"



**Top Left:** Yucaipa High School engineering class take a field trip to RLS

**Top Right:** Bill Hesse presenting the smaller locomotives .

**Lower Left:** Compound view of the engines on display for the event.

**Lower Right:** Lunch is served!

**Thanks to Jim Wood, Rich Casford and Chris Neiman 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

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> Yucaipa High School Event**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, Run Day Eastbound Outside Loop**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> Work/Fun Day 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> Eastbound Figure Eight**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Years Day Run**

**January 12<sup>th</sup> Run Day Westbound Outside loop**

**January 18<sup>th</sup> Work/Fun Day 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**January 26<sup>th</sup> Run Day Westbound 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

### Officers

President: Brook Adams

Vice President: Wes Peterson

Secretary: Bob Roberts

Treasurer: Joan Adams

### Directors

Director: Jonathan Rorhbach

Director: Mark Spaulding

Director: Kevin Zamp

Director: Richard Ronne

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**R.L.S. ANNUAL DINNER**

**Sunday January 19th, 2025**

**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 **January 01, 2025.**

Please list the names of the persons attending at the bottom of this letter and return your reservations, with check payable to "**Riverside Live Steamers**" as soon as possible to:

**Glenn Maness, 25307 Alta Vista Dr., Moreno Valley, CA 92557**

You can also pay online at: <https://square.link/u/ePv7AW2B>



1. MEMBER \$25.00 per person - Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

3. Guest \$25.00 per person - Name: \_\_\_\_\_