

# ***THE CHRONICLE***

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NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



April 2025



## **Hunter Train at Panorama**

**Conductor Jim Wood taking the morning shift at the rear of the Hunter passenger train  
on the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Run Day**

**SAFETY FIRST**



## It's A Hobby...

...And just like that the first quarter of 2025 is done!

**RLS After Hours:** March has been a busy month around the Club. In addition to the regular Run Days and Work Days, club fire extinguishers have been inspected, the water line that feeds the Club from the street has been repaired with patio concrete replaced, Riverside City Fire has been out to do their annual hazmat inspection, work on the third level hoist electrical system has moved forward, trenching was done for conduit to a new network antenna pole at the Southeast end of David's Yard and we had a contractor come out to remove over half of the South grade crossing in preparation of the Safety Loop track project.

**Night Run:** April 5<sup>th</sup> will be a Night Run. Special Events Chair Randy Chase will be the O.S. for the evening. Currently the weather looks very Spring like for the day/evening. If you are interested in coming out and enjoying the evening please let Randy know.

**Conductors Class April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Sign ups for the next Conductors class close Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up online at: <https://forms.gle/A1QDAN18eSBF1AKE6>

**Work Day April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Come on out and help us get the railroad ready for the Spring Meet! The more the merrier!

**Spring Meet:** April 25<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> If recent Run Days are any indication this should be a great Spring Meet. This will be Vice President Wes Peterson's first time as head of a Meet, why don't you come on out and lend a helping hand? If you are available Wes can be emailed at: [wpeterson458@gmail.com](mailto:wpeterson458@gmail.com) Make plans to attend and enjoy the live steam hobby.

See you out on the railroad!

Brook

*Brook Adams - President*

## 2025 RLS Conductor's Training Class

There's still time to sign up for the 2025 Conductors Training Class April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm.



RLS Conductors are a huge part of our passenger train operations. If you haven't attended or it has been awhile since you did and want a refresher, sign up now!!

You can sign up online at: <https://forms.gle/A1QDAN18eSBF1AKE6>

Photos from the Chronicle, Run Days and more can be found at the Club's website:

<https://riversidelivesteamers.com/2025-photos/>



**RLS Spring Meet**  
The RLS Annual Spring Meet is this month!  
Make plans to come out a visit April 25th, 26th and 27th.  
If you are available to help out during Meet  
please let Vice President Wes Peterson know.





## Along the Tracks

March 15, 2025, was another successful workday at RLS.

Tracks H & I in David's yard were connected and leveled for operations. The area on the East-side of the yard was cleaned up, extra left-hand switches were moved to storage. All East-side tracks were power tamped with the track tamper. Switch machines were adjusted. This now completes the track alignment for Tracks F-I for use on the third level lift when it is completed.

Richard Ronne conducted a class on track panel construction in the steaming area. The track panel crew build twelve panels or 120 feet of track available for the West-side track alignment in David's yard. In addition, panels will be needed for the safety reverse track expansion in Allen's Valley.

Normal Clean-up in the compound was also accomplished. We are still looking for a Compound Supervisor. Since we do not currently have a supervisor, it is responsibility of all members to keep the compound clean.....that means YOU!

Lunch was provided by Chris Enright and family to the workers at noon and a very efficient Board Meeting was led by President Brook Adams to complete day.

***If you stayed home, you missed a great day at RLS!***

Mark your calendar to join your fellow members on Saturday April 19, 2025, starting at 8:00AM for another FUN workday. This will be the last workday before our Spring Meet on April 25, 26 & 27, 2025. Lunch at Noon for the workers will be prepared by Dan Williams. The

Board of Directors meeting is to follow at 1:00PM. Come out and enjoy your railroad friends and help improve RLS. We have projects for all skill levels and many hands make the work progress rapidly.

- Rich

Rich Casford, Roadmaster  
Road 2

## Compound Safety Notice: David's Yard



The Board, Road Master Rich Casford, Project Supervisor Dave Bunts, and Safety Supervisor Richard Ronne would like to remind everyone that the area of David's Yard in front of the Quick/Noble South doors is an ongoing construction area as the Third Level Hoist and David's Yard track alignment project continues.

The hoist construction team and road crew will do their best to secure the projects at the end of their work sessions but you must exercise caution when moving yours or the Club's rolling stock in or out of the building or into the yard area.

**Be aware of tripping or "ankle biting" hazards.**

**RLS Spring Meet  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>  
We'll See You There!!**

## From the Car Foreman

Just a couple of reminders as we roll into our busier public hauling season. **Red Tags:** We have a Red Tag system in place for issues with the Club's riding cars. The Red Tags are located in Barney's barn on the North Wall. If you have an issue with a Club riding car, fill out the tag, attach the tag to the car (at the coupler works great) tear off the bottom of the tag and hang it on the clip. I check the clip at the end of the run days. If you have more info than will fit on the tag by all means let me know in person or via email.



**Straddle Car Loading:** It has been a while since this was brought up and the Car Foreman, Superintendent of Motive Power and the Safety Supervisor want to get everyone - Engineers, Conductors, Station Crew and General Membership on the same page. The straddle cars were not designed to increase the number of passengers per train, they were designed to make it easier for passengers to board and de-train. Passengers with knee or hip issues or of larger sizes would have difficulty getting into and out of the Clubs gondolas. The straddle cars were designed around our four seat Hunter train gondolas. As such, the Hunter train straddle cars and the Clubs wooden straddle cars are limited to four (4) bodies, of any size, per car just as if the passengers were seated on the four individual seats of the Clubs gondolas.

**Hunter Train Storage:** Speaking of the Hunter train straddle cars, I would like to remind the train crews to flip the cushions of the straddle cars at the end of the day. This keeps any errant

dripping from equipment above from landing directly on the seat covers. Also be sure to set the individual cars brakes to "release" before storing them away at the end of the run day.

- Brook

Brook Adams - Car Foreman

## Events Outside of the Club

### Rocky Mountain Train Show - Spring 2025 April 5th & 6th

9:00am to 5:00pm, National Western Complex 4655 Humboldt St. Denver, CO 80216

<https://rockymountaintrainshow.com/Default.aspx>

### Southern California Railway Museum 5th Annual

#### BBQ, Boots, & Brew April 12, 2025, 11AM - 5PM

The Southern California Railway Museum (SCRM) is excited to announce our Annual BBQ Competition Event. Join us for a day full of amazing BBQ, unique craft beer, and live music. SCRM is inviting competitive BBQ teams to showcase some of their very best BBQ for a chance to win 1st place and earn points toward larger BBQ Competitions like the Jack Daniel's World Championship.

For more info: <https://socalrailway.org/scrm-events/bbq-boots-brew/>

### TCA Western Division April Train Meet

The Train Collectors Association Western Division & The Toy Train Operating Society Southern Pacific Division are co-hosting a toy train meet at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive (at Huntington Drive & Holly Ave.) on Saturday, April 26th, 2025. The doors open at 9:00 AM for seller setup and the meet starts at 10:00 AM. The meet typically ends around 2:00 PM. Parking is free. <https://consumershows.com/e/tca-western-division-april-train-meet-26-april-2025>

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## Run Day 3-9-25

The March 9<sup>th</sup> Run day got underway with O.S. Kevin Zamp and a cool morning start with temperatures around 45 degrees. First out on the railroad were Sean Hagen and Anthony McBride behind Sean's mighty 2-8-0, followed by Bob Roberts at the throttle of the 5057 with Conductor Jim Wood. While in public passenger service, Sean and Anthony swapped positions throughout the



day. Covering the afternoon shift on the Hunter were Conductors Chris Neiman and Jerry Vargas and Engineer Brook Adams. Freight service for the day was provided by Richard Miller running Charlie Kennemer's 2-6-0, Bob Chamberlain and Richard Ronne operating Richard 4-6-2, Jim Kreider was on the cushion of #762 and Steve Borchert was at the right hand seat of his Ten Wheeler. Private passenger service for the day was Doug Prescott behind his Pacific, Michael Capalety operating Doug's K-27 and Jonathan Chase, Randy Chase and Cameron Lannon running the Lannon Atlantic and Marlene Borsuk's Prairie locomotive. Hunter Station was crewed by Station Master Glenn Maness, Merchandise Manager Tiffany Love, assisting at the platform were Chris Neiman and Tom Crue and the four track crossing was manned by Marty Berg. Also out enjoying the live steam hobby were Jake Weiss, Scott Horgan, CJ Payne, Tom Lebs, Mark

Spaulding, Jerry Roth, Peggy Borchert, Gus Farwick, Tom Brody, Kim Chase, Bob Beard, Jennifer Capalety and Joan Adams.

## Run Day 3-23-25

The first Run Day of Spring started off with SMP Scott Horgan disarming the Club at 6:59am. The weather service promised a warm clear sunny day, and it did not disappoint! Operating Superintendent Jonathan Rohrbach got his track inspection out of the way early but just barely before Sean Hagen and Anthony McBride hit the rails to be the first train out. Kevin Zamp was on the Hunter engine with SMP Scott Horgan for the day to complete his Hunter training. Hunter Conductors for the day were Jim Wood and Chris Neiman. At the Station were Chris Neiman, Tom Crue, Tiffany Love, Marty Berg and Glenn Maness. Locomotives out for the day



were Richard Ronne's #919, Bob Chamberlain on his Atlantic, Tom Brody on his Mogul, Doug Prescott and Nick Ellis running Doug's k-27, Richard Miller at the throttle of the Kennemer 2-6-0, Kyle Teixeira and Kira Kaufman operating their Ten Wheeler. Getting some service repair time in were Dan Williams and David Moore on David's 4-6-6-4, Mark Spaulding worked on his Pacific and Randy Chase did some work on the Lannon Atlantic as well as the Club's Big Boy locomotive.

## For Sale

Charlie Kennemer is selling his 2-6-0 locomotive and tender, flat car with



tool box, riding car and caboose.



Charlie has dropped his asking price from \$25,000 to \$20,00 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

## For Sale

### Drover Caboose For Sale



Just refurbished and comes with arch bar trucks, working lights, Cannon Ball couplers, and finished interior.



Wooden caboose was built in early 80's, garage kept and very low mileage. Comes with celebrity passengers on board. Call Chris Green (CVLS) at (858)231-2277 for more information.



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## April Calendar "Who is it ?"



**Top Left:** Tom Lawson at the throttle of his Berkshire

**Top Right:** Consist at the ready in David's Yard.

**Lower Left:** Jonathan Chase pushes the transfer table past conference at the steaming bays.

**Lower Right:** Nick Ellis brings Doug Prescott's Pacific through Panorama Point.

**Thanks to Rich Casford and Joan Adams for the photos and articles in this month's 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*

**April 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Night Run**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> Conductor's Training Class 9:00am to 2:00pm**      **May 11<sup>th</sup> Run Day Westbound Outside Loop**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, Run Day Eastbound Outside Loop**

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

**April 19<sup>th</sup>, Work/Fun Day 8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> Run Day Westbound Figure Eight**

**Spring Meet April 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>**

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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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