

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



July 2025



April Showers, May Flowers, June Trees

In an effort to provide more shaded areas to the Riverside citizens that enjoy Hunter Hobby Park, the Parks Department has planted 13 new pine trees in the old "Lake Bed" area.

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It's A Hobby...

Heat, swimming pools, fireworks, corn on the cob, barbecues, and flags - yep, it's July! This Fourth of July please take a moment to remember that we are the *United States* of America. Try to not let the people from any of the political parties we vote for (hire) to represent us pit state against state just to improve their likelihood to remain employed.

Speaking of big dates, the Riverside Live Steamers filed its letters of incorporation and received approval on July 26th 1966. This gives us 59 years of live steam hobby "know how" under our belts!

I would like to thanks all the folks that made it out to our June Run Days and Work/Fun Days. Your help keeping public trains operating on run day Sundays, and putting things in order on the Saturday workdays is huge!

June, July, and August are always tough months for volunteer help on the railroad with vacations, travel and the heat. If you can come to out help, we need you!

Speaking of help, your Club is still in need of a volunteer to fill the Compound Supervisor vacancy. If you are interested in taking over this Supervisor position please let any Board member know.

See you out on the railroad!

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Brook Adams - President

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Olympic Dream...

For those of you that didn't know, RLS's own Manny Caldera is going for the gold!

Per Manny "...After leaving the shooting arena in 1975, I have re-entered the shooting field in an attempt to participate and be selected for the Olympic Team for Trap, or Bunker in 2028. "

Manny has a GoFundMe site set up with more information and updates. If you'd like to help him out you can at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-manuel-calderas-2028-olympic-dream>

July 5th Night Run



July 5th will be our first Night Run of the summer. If you haven't made it out to a Night Run before you are missing out on a unique live steam experience!

Just a reminder, this is for RLS members and their guests, there is no public passenger service. If you are planning on coming out please let Randy Chase know: csjiggrinding@sbcglobal.net

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

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

Long Pull Run Day 6/1/25

This day was lightly attended but those that made it out had a good time. In addition to the pull operations, it was Jim Kreider's birthday so pizza and cake was on the lunch time menu!



In attendance were Randy Chase, Chris Neiman, Jonathan Chase, Jim Kreider Nick Ellis, Anthony McBride, Patty Ruyle and Brook Adams.



Run Day 6/8/25

The first public run day in June was a little warmer than June 1st but not as hot as a typical June day. Richard Ronne was O.S. for the day. Engines out either for service or road operations were Tom Brodie on his 2-6-0, Mike Harris with his Mogul, Mark Spaulding had his Pacific out on the steaming bays Jonathan Rohrbach had his 0-4-0 out and Richard Miller was out on

Charlie Kennemer's Mogul. In public service for the Run Day were Sean Hagen at the throttle of Consolidation with Nick Ellis and Anthony McBride covering Conductor duties. The Hunter train was hosted in the morning by Jerry Roth and had Engineer Brook Adams and Conductors Jim Wood and Jake Weiss throughout the day. Marty Berg flagged the four track crossing, Glenn Maness took care of Station Master duties and Tiffany Love handed the merchandise cart as well as covered Station Master duties at the end of the day.

Childhood Cancer Kids Run 6/8/25

Childhood Cancer Run Day

June 08, 2025

I want to thank all the RLS Members who helped with the Childhood Cancer Run.

We had 17 members show up to help with this event. I started OS Duties at 3:00 pm when Richard Ronne signed off from his OS Duties for the day. As the norm, set-up for the event started around 3:00 pm.

This year we had the Model A Ford Club of America – Orange Blossom A's Chapter - join us and display their cars for all to see. This part of the event started at 6:00 pm.



After the train crews gobbled down their dinner, we were off to non-stop train movement. We ran the outside

loop again this year and it went well with two trains and crews. We ran two Conductors on the trains to help minimize any chance for problems. As the trains are running, the guests are having dinner and the Childhood Cancer Foundation sets up games and other fun things for the children and their families to do. The Model A group left around 7:30 pm. They had a great time and are wanting to do this again next year. Trains ran until about 8:15 pm when the movie started. We had 151 passengers (including repeats) in just over two hours.



This year's event had a lighter turn out than other events from the past. We are not sure why. There were actually 195 folks registered to participate and we figured that a little more than half would show, but that didn't happen. We don't believe it was the weather. Weather was pretty warm at 3:00 pm, but cooled to a very nice evening by 6:00 pm and stayed that way until the end of the event. The Childhood Cancer Foundation and I are going to work on seeing if we can get a better turn out for next year.

All in all, the event went very well. We finished up and got out at 23:00, that is 11:00 pm. The RLS Special Events Committee cannot and could not do this without the RLS Family help that we received.

Sean Hagen, Anthony McBride – Engineer/Conductor; Jonathan



Chase, Scotty Horgan – Engineer; Dean Willoughby, Richard Ronne, Nick Ellis – Conductor; Tom Crue, Doug Prescott, Jake Weiss, loading passengers; Jim Kreider – Compound; Mike Harris – overseeing the right of way; Patty Ruyle – monitoring the Allen's Valley Station and RLS Greeter/Ambassador; Michael and Jennifer Capalety; Rich Casford - for city communications; and of course under the watchful eyes of our President Brook Adams - helping me with switches, loading, and anything he saw that needed to be done.

Thank You again for your help,
Randy Chase, RLS Special Events
Committee Chair

Work/Fun Day 6/14/25

Due to vacations, the Train Mountain Triennial and daytime temps starting to warm up, attendance of the June Work/Fun Day was light. Even so, the Third Level Lift crew of Dave Bunts and Mel Hitchcock were able to get the entrance and exit ramps installed on the lift. Bob Roberts continued his work on establishing a network link from the Compound to the Hunter Station. Up at the station a new right-hand switch was installed at the South end of the station yard by the team of Mark Spaulding, Richard Ronne, Jonathan Rorhbach, Jerry Vargas and Brook Adams. Randy Chase picked up the lunch for the day, lent a

hand with the switch install and helped out whoever needed an extra hand. The old turnout was taken down to David's yard and Richard, Mark, and Jerry leveled up the switch at the bottom of Noble Junction.

Run Day 6/22/25

The second Run Day of June got started with Operating Superintendent Mark Spaulding clocking in at 7:08am with Sean Hagen and Jake Weiss right behind him.

Hunter Engineer for the first half of the day Kevin Zamp readied the Hunter for it's days run. Sean and Jake got out on to the railroad early to set the switches for the day with Kevin and Conductor Jim Wood coming out with the Hunter train a few minutes later. Richard Miller was at the throttle of Charlie Kennemer's 2-6-0 and ran for a couple hours. Afternoon passenger service was handled by Sean, Jake and Richard Ronne with Sean's 2-8-0 and Brook Adams and O.S./Conductor Mark Spaulding.



Your station crew for the day was Marty Berg at the four track crossing, Bob Beard covered the merchandise cart, and Station Master Glenn Maness.

The previous Saturday's substitute Roadmaster walked over to take a look at section of track identified the last figure eight Run Day as an issue. En-route he Shanghaied Jonathan Chase and Randy Chase to take a look as well. This became a case of "the more you looked the more you saw" on the track area South of the Palm Garden switch #1. Randy, Jonathan and Brook worked a 50 foot area between switch and North of the crossing .

As the impromptu track team was standing admiring their handy work two different trains hopped the track before the crossing 40 feet away.



The track team noted a "super duper elevation" on the curves outside rail. Attempting to level out the track resulted in a potential "E Ticket" event along the right of way so it was decided to dig out from under the high side rail. Lo and behold as the dirt was removed a root appeared running directly under the rail like the beam of an underground trestle bridge. The thickest part of the root had a knot where the 2"x4" tie had been resting on it. Randy and Jonathan at nearly the same time suggested swapping out the 2"x4" for one of the 2"x3" ties on the cart. This gave us the clearance needed to bring the high side down and keep the figure eight in operations for the day.



For Sale

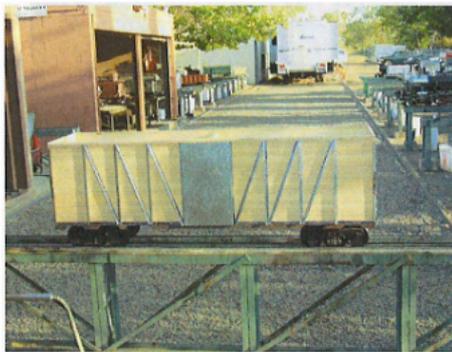
NKP BERKSHIRE 777

Riding Cars, U Haul Truck, etc.

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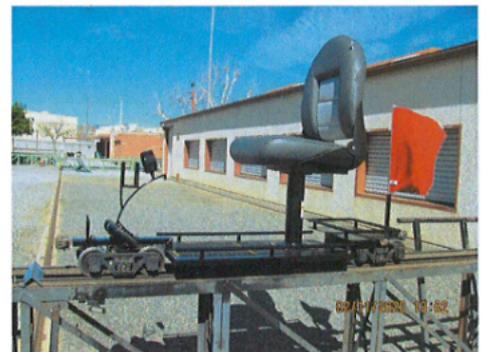
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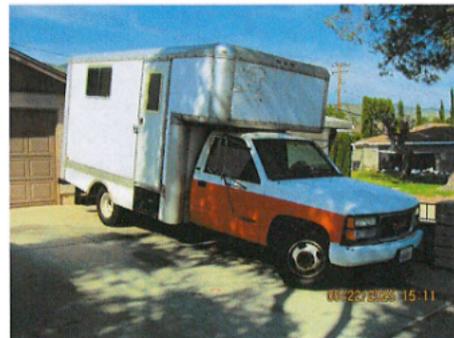
3 Riding Cars



Brakeman Car



Caboose



1994 GMC 3500 U Haul Truck



Engine & cars loaded in Truck

It is time for me to find a good home for what has been the better part of my life for the last 24 years. Included in this transaction is the NKP Berkshire 777 Engine, Tender, Boxcar, 3 Riding Cars, Brakemen Car, Caboose and the U Haul Truck that can carry it all. Also included are tools, spare parts and everything from soup to nut bolts to keep you running.

July Calendar "Who is it ?"



Top Left: Jonathan Rorhbach fills the tender of the 4-8-8-4 as Bill Hesse talks to the passengers.

Top Right: Marty Berg takes a break between in-bound trains.

Lower Left: Nick Ellis and Dave Bunts working on the 3rd level lift.

Lower Right: Sean Hagen and Tiffany Love look on as Station Master Bill Hesse talks to the passengers and Conductor Chris Neiman loads the train.

Thanks to Joan Adams 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

Upcoming Important Dates

July 5th, Night Run 4:00pm to Late

August 2nd Night Run 4:00pm to Late

**July 13th Run Day Westbound
Outside loop**

**August 10th Eastbound
Outside Loop**

**July 19th Work/Fun Day 8:00am to
3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**August 16th Work/Fun Day 8:00am to
3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**July 27th Run Day Westbound Figure
Eight**

**August 24th Eastbound
Figure Eight**

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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.

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