

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



March 2025



Motive Power

**A photo at the Station of some of the locomotives that were out on
the second Run Day of February**

SAFETY FIRST



It's A Hobby...

I'd like to thank the members that have made it out to the January and February work days. A lot of progress has been made in David's Yard, both on the 3rd level hoist and in the yard itself. A special thanks to Chris Enright and his wife Larrane for camp cook services on the January work day, and Bill Hesse for his culinary services in February.

The start of Spring is just around the corner but based on the February 23rd Run Day, soccer season is in full bloom. Though adult softball leagues at Hunter park start in the evening, practice and pick-up games happen at anytime. Keep an eye out as you travel past the play fields, they have been setting up soccer games in the old "lake area" for the younger players, watch for distracted adults as well as kids.

There is a lot going on in the coming months at the Club. The March 1st Operations Day will be an evening Fun Run, and March 2nd will be the Operations Day. April 5th will be a Night Run, April 12th will be our 2025 Conductor Training Class and of course our Spring Meet April 25th, 26th & 27th Vice President Wes Peterson will be in charge of the event and Wes can use your help! If you like to help with the Meet Breakfast please let Wes know.

See you out on the railroad!

Brook

Brook Adams - President

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

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

Events Outside of the Club

The Great Train Show Ventura, CA, March 8th & 9th, 2025, 10:00am - 4:00pm Ventura County Fairgrounds and Event Center - 10 W Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001 <https://www.greattrainshow.com/gts-show-landing-pages/ventura-03-25>

Southern California Railway Museum S.T.E.A.M. Fest

Express Southern California Railway Museum is excited to announce the return of the S.T.E.A.M Fest Express (formerly "DinoTrain"), a unique, outdoor, interactive experience created in partnership with PBS. <https://socalrailway.org/scrm-events/steam-fest-express/>

Pacific Coast Region, National Model Railroad Association

Pacific Coast Region's annual convention March 27-30, 2025 Clinics, Layout Tours and more!
<https://pcr2025.org/>

2025 RLS Dues are past due!!



If you haven't paid your 2025 dues yet, get you dues in!!

Per the Club Bylaws, you can be dropped from the Club and may be subject to the initiation fee to restart your membership.

Get Your Dues In!



Along the Tracks

Once again, the track crew was out in force ready to continue connecting new trackage in David's Yard at the February 15th workday. These efforts are to make it easy to load and unload equipment off the third level lift car storage tracks in the Noble Quick building.

Tracks F & G were connected to the new car lead that was installed in January. These efforts required additional time after the Board Meeting to complete all the alignment and ballast work. Tracks H & I will be connected on the March workday. If sufficient track crew members are on scene we will start working on Tracks A through E connections in March as well.

A huge thank you goes to the track crew members who stayed working on the track ballast and alignment work until 3:00PM Saturday!!! It has been years since we were working that late into the afternoon to complete a project.

We will be building some track panels during the March workday needed to complete David's Yard alignment. This would be a wonderful opportunity for those members who signed up for the Safety Track Expansion Project to come out and learn how to build track panels.

The Third Level Lift Gang was out working on the lift equipment while the track crew was working at the other end of David's yard. The competition continues to see who will be done first.... the lift crew or the track crew!

Normal clean up of the compound also took place and Richard Ronne was conducting a class on switch building and completed a replacement left hand switch for the Columbia Yard.

Plan now to join your fellow members on Saturday March 15, 2025, starting at 8:00AM. Lunch at Noon for the workers will be prepared by Chris Enright and Family. 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.

Mark your calendar for Saturday March 15, 2025, for the next Work (FUN) Day.

See you at the track on March 15th starting at 8:00AM.

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.**

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From Safety Supervisor

We all want to have a good experience out on our miniature railroad. That's a no brainer. One of my jobs is keeping an eye out for unsafe practice or other things that could possibly lead to an injury. I myself am guilty about this very thing I will be writing about. I'm sure others have done the same. I, of course, am not as nimble as I once was and balance is harder to do when walking a curb! What I witnessed was a member hopping off the train at running speed or close to it! Why do you ask? Convenience! It was far easier to hop off to run ahead to get the switch for the engineer. If I were a younger person this might not have struck me like it did, but it struck me! It struck me to the fact that someone could get hurt for several reasons performing the jumping off a moving train. I'm not going to make a list of what could happen. It would be lengthy for sure. We as a club need to set examples regarding safe practice. I, as your safety supervisor, am concerned about these things I see that could be a potential hazard to oneself or other people. I am asking if you want to switch into a yard or siding that the conductor waits for the train to come to a complete stop before disembarking the train to throw the switch. This way it is far less likely that any bones will be broken, or any cars derailed! Another minute in time to throw the switch is far better than an injury to save that minute. The safety committee is planning to add this in the rule book so for the moment regard this as an "unwritten" rule!!

In closing: PLEASE NO MORE JUMPING OFF MOVING TRAINS !!!

Second on my observation of the day is the practice of sitting on cars and using the feet / shoes to keep the cars under control / safe speed downhill. Again, a foot can grab unseen objects and ankles can be broken or worse. Ballast gets displaced and scattered around and some find their way to the rail head causing a derailment. I deem this to be unsafe practice. In the future restrain the cars by hand while walking alongside while maintaining a slow and controlled speed.

In closing: PLEASE NO MORE SITTING ON TRAINS USING FEET TO CONTROL THEM DOWN GRADES. THIS IS UNSAFE !!!

Third on my (forever reminding everyone) list; is locks!!!! I am having a very hard time getting through to some members that **ALL**

LOCKS should be in the **DOWN POSITION** after YOU have locked the lock on a turnout!!!! Some foot-boards can catch the lock left upright and damages the switch plate of the switch.

In closing: PLEASE PUT THE LOCKS DOWN !!!

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Fourth on the list is not so much a safety issue but a "being considerate" topic. However, if an engineer is not looking you may be rear ended, head ended, or T-boned! I understand we all have issues or trouble on occasions. Example: If you got a flat tire on the freeway, do you just stop in your lane and change it? Obstruct traffic because you must fix something? I have observed numerous times recently trains with problems just stop and get the tools out. Access was blocked going into David's yard as well as access to the Bunts bypass was blocked. Another incident was that a compressor was not coming on and the engineer stopped up the curve grade out of Allen's Valley before the grade crossing. Another engineer severely low on water was standing and waiting over 5 minutes at Panorama on the main. The other engine should have continued to Panorama siding and got the tools out! People, if it's a derailment I can understand why the line gets blocked. For compressor, injector, timing, brakes or whatever, **please clear the line!!** Move to a siding or pull back into the yard. Head to the steaming bays. Do anything but block access to switches or unnecessarily hold up public or private trains. There is a rule in the book regarding this very issue. Please read and follow your rule book. I am purposely not citing rule #'s as an incentive for everyone to read and understand rules.

In closing: PLEASE NO WORKING / REPAIRING OR HOLDING UP OTHERS ON THE TRACK (NOT JUST THE MAINLINE) !!!

Thank you in advance for following these rules,

Richard

Richard Ronne - Safety Supervisor

Run Day 2-9-25

Nice mild weather for the Run Day, cool morning with warmer afternoon.

The Operating Superintendent for the Run Day was Richard Ronne.

Two passenger trains out with five freight trains on the day.

Helping out all day in passenger service were Sean Hagen and Anthony McBride. At the Station were Station Master Glenn Maness, Tiffany Love at the merchandise cart, Chris Neiman and Tom Crue helping out at the platform, and Pat O'Guinn covered the four track crossing. 521 passengers went through the Station on the Run Day. Twenty nine members came out to enjoy the live steam hobby! The O.S. reports that there were no derails and perfect weather!

Run day 2-23-25

Mark Spaulding was the O.S. for the second Run Day in February. The weather could easily be described as Spring like with the high for the day hitting 84 degrees.

Passenger service for the day was covered by the Hunter train crew of Brook Adams, Jim Wood, Anthony McBride and Nick Ellis, assisting on the second passenger engine was Sean Hagen, Anthony McBride and Jerry Vargas. Station duties were covered by Station Master Glenn Maness, Tiffany Love at Merchandise, and Marty Berg was at the for track crossing. Assisting at the station were



Chris Neiman and Tom Crue, both Chris and Tom addressed a hose issue at the North station water box.

Freight was well represented with 7 engines out on the railroad throughout the day. Richard Miller was out on Chuck Kennemer's 2-6-0 (see the for sale ad in this months Chron), Doug Prescott's K27 with Nick Ellis at the throttle was out as well as Tom Brody and his 4-4-0, Richard Ronne did a few laps on his pacific and Bob and Dale Chamberlain traded time on the cushion of their Atlantic, and David Moore and Dan Williams did a few laps behind David's Challenger.



Twenty six members were out for the day that felt a lot more like Spring than 24 days left of Winter.



Refreshing....

The Diet Pepsi in the soda machine has be restocked and the expired beverage moved along to it's final destination.

Remember the recycle the cans an bottles from your drinks right next to the door of the Club House, every little bit helps your Club!

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

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

2025 RLS Conductor's Training Class

Mark your calendar and sign up for the 2025 Conductors Training Class April 12th from 9:00am to 2:00pm

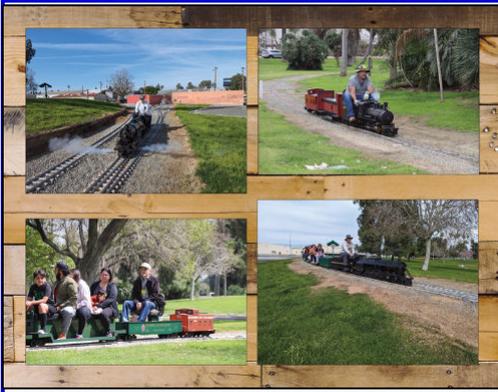
RLS Conductors are a huge part of our passenger train operations. If you haven't attended or it has been awhile since you did and want a refresher, sign up now!!



A sign up sheet will be posted on the soda machine or you can sign up online at: <https://forms.gle/A1ODAN18eSBF1AKE6>

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March Calendar "Who is it ?"



Top Left: Jerry Roth completing his Hunter Engineer training.

Top Right: Richard Miller heading into Palm Garden.

Lower Left: Jim Wood is Conductor of the Hunter passenger train.

Lower Right: Engineer Chris Neiman eases out of Panorama Point heading down to Allen's Valley.

Thanks to Rich Casford, Randy Chase, Joan Adams, Dan Williams, Richard Ronne 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

Upcoming Important Dates

March 1st & 2nd, Operations Meet

**March 9th, Run Day Westbound
Outside Loop**

**March 15th, Work/Fun Day 8:00am to
3:00pm, Board Meeting 1:00pm**

**March 23rd, Run Day Westbound
Figure Eight**

April 5th Saturday Night Run

**April 12th Conductor's Training Class
9:00am to 2:00pm**

**April 13th, Run Day Eastbound
Outside Loop**

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

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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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