

THE CHRONICLE

NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



November 2025



Triple Head out of Allen's Valley

Greg Casford is lead Hogger with Nick Ellis and Scott Horgan at their respective throttles preparing to climb the grade out of Allen's Valley.

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It's A Hobby...

Sometime circa 500 BC the Greek philosopher Heraclitus stated: *"Change is the only constant in life"*.

This September as in past Septembers we put out the call for Board of Director nominees. A committee of the outgoing Board members set out on their quest to secure nominees for the November election.

Over the years we've had as high as eight nominees with most years falling in the five to six nominee range, several years ago we only had four nominees and we bypassed the election. This year's election season was pretty unique as, those of you that were at the October Board meeting learned, we had zero nominees volunteer. With no nominees there will be no election this year.

A quick look into the Club's bylaws and we see we have an answer to the issue: **Section 4.6 Tenure of Office** "...and each Director so elected shall hold office for two years or until their successor is named." followed by: **Section 5.1 Officers** "...These officers must be Board members and continue until their successors are elected."

So, for the time being, you get to continue to stare at your current Boards' smiling faces from across the Clubhouse. For our newer and probationary members a typical November Board meeting starts off with the presiding Board going through a meeting agenda while the election ballots are being counted. Once the count is completed the tally is provided to the Secretary and the winners are announced. After the announcement the meeting is recessed and the newly elected and remaining Board members go outside for a quick Executive Session and vote for who will take the Officer positions. Then the new Board comes back in and resumes the meeting introducing the new Board and their positions to the membership in attendance. Since there will be no ballot tally to wait for this time around the

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Board has completed it's executive session at end of Saturday's meeting. Effective November 15th, your 2025-2026 Board is:

President - Jonathan Rorhbach
Vice President - Vacant
Interim Secretary - Brook Adams
Treasurer - Joan Adams
Director - Mark Spaulding
Director - Kevin Zamp
Interim Director - Bob Roberts
Interim Director - Richard Ronne
Interim Director - Wes Peterson

You'll notice two things on the above roster:

1. A vacancy at Vice President. None of your Directors are in a position to singularly cover the three days of the '26 Spring and Fall Meets.
2. The use of the word "Interim". These Board members are serving until a replacement member can be found to fill the Directors position.

If an Interim Director approaches you about taking over their seat please consider it. Being on the Board gives you a very unique perspective on what it takes to run a steam railroad. Your participation is what keeps our railroad in operation.

See you out on the railroad!

- Brook

Brook Adams - President

2026 RLS Calendars



The 2026 RLS Calendars celebrating 60 years of the Riverside Live

Steamers are in and located in the Clubhouse. These will be the same size as last year, 11" x 8.5" (11" x 17" opened up) and the price will be \$10.00

A Message From Your Outgoing President...

November 15th at 12:59:59pm will be the end of my term as president of the Club. I have been fortunate to have served on the RLS Board off and on since 2006. This was my first time as President.

I'd like to take this moment to thank the 2023-2024 Board made up of Tom Crue, Bob Roberts, Randy Chase, John Gurwell, Chris Neiman, Wes Peterson and Richard Ronne as well as the 2024-2025, 2026 RLS Board of Wes Peterson, Bob Roberts, Joan Adams, Mark Spaulding, Kevin Zamp, Richard Ronne and Jonathan Rohrbach.

Both of these Boards have been very communicative, quick to help out, and had the best interest of your club in mind always. Both boards were productive in getting projects moved along in addition to their responsibilities to the club as a whole.

I really can't thank you folks enough.

- Brook

Run Day October 12th

Train operations for the first Run Day in October were Eastbound outside loop. Operating Superintendent for the day was Mark Spaulding. The morning Hunter passenger train was staffed by Engineer Bob Roberts and Conductor Jim Wood. Helping out with passengers was



Sean Hagen at the cushion of his 2-8-0 with Richard Ronne covering the rear of the train. Freight service for the day was provided by Bob Chamberlain on his 4-4-2, Tom Brody on his Mogul, Richard

Miller ran the 573 around the railroad for a few laps and we had a triple head Pacific lash-up of Greg Casford on the Verde Valley 372, Nick Ellis on Doug Prescott's Southern 1401 and Scott Horgan running Doug's White Water Western 1017. Afternoon Hunter train was crewed by Engineer Brook Adams and the O.S. swapping hats to become the afternoon Conductor. Hunter Station was staffed by



Station Master Glenn Maness, merchandise cart covered by Tiffany Love, the four track crossing was flagged by Marty Berg, helping out on the station platform were Tom Crew and Chris Neiman. Out enjoying the live steam hobby were Jerry Roth, Paul Lucero, Doug Prescott, Bill Hesse, Bob Beard, Gus Farwick, and Tom Lebs. At the Run Day we had three new members start up; Alex Comerchero, Omar Gonzales-Valentino and Junior Member Thomas Lucero. Welcome aboard guys!!

October 18th Work/Fun Day

Bob Roberts got the day started, opening everything up at 7:27am

Bob and Alex Comerchero started off



cleaning the steaming bay areas.

Randy Chase, Jonathan Rohrbach and Chris Neiman worked on preparing the area for the new (replacement) fuel box in Allen's Valley.

Bill Hesse cleaned and mopped the clubhouse restrooms. Weeds were sprayed in the compound.

Bob Roberts and Tom Brody worked in Bab's Building mounting new network cable hangers.

Work continued on the third level lift with Dave Bunts, Mel Hitchcock, Jonathan



Rohrbach, Tom Crue and Mike Hitchcock with Alex painting the new covers.

Randy and Chris trimmed the low hanging branches around steaming bays 1-2-3

Lunch was provided by Chris and Larrane Enright. A big thanks to everyone that made it out to help.

Run Day October 26th

The second Run Day of October started off with early bird Jerry Roth getting to the Club before everybody else! O.S. for the day Richard Ronne Let everyone in and disarmed at 7:45am. The morning started out cool and foggy. Bob Roberts was on the call board for the morning Hunter Engineer, with Jim Wood making it in at



Hunter train Conductor. Ever faithful Sean Hagen fired his Consolidation up with Anthony McBride as his Conductor.

Activity on the steaming bays was light with Richard Miller firing up Charlie Kenemer's 2-6-0, Tom Brody also heated up his Mogul and made some early morning laps, Doug Prescott rolled out some of his equipment for some T.L.C. Your Station crew for the day was Chris Neiman covering the four track crossing, Tiffany Love at the Merchandise Cart, Tom Crue lending a hand on the platform and Station Master Glenn Maness. A little after noon Randy and Jonathan Chase continued work on the replacement fuel box in Allen's Valley. Jonathan Rohrbach took over the Hunter locomotive for the afternoon shift with Conductor Dan Williams. Members out enjoying the mild weather were Tom Lebs Mike Harris, Demi Harris, Tom Brody, Brook Adams, Jake Weiss, Paul Lucero, Thomas Lucero, Alex Comerchero, Gus Farwick, Bill Hesse, Joan Adams, Lilly Horgan Jim Kreider and Dayna Horgan.



2025 RLS Fall Meet

This years Fall Meet will be held November 7th, 8th and 9th

As tradition, we have a free breakfast on Saturday and Sunday! Come on out and enjoy the fellowship of the Live Steam hobby!

Hunter Engineers and Conductors, If you are available for the Sunday Run Day or would just like to help out please let Meet Chair Wes Peterson know you are available at: wpeterson458@gmail.com

What's Happening...

Southern California

Railway Museum: "A Day Out With Thomas" November 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th and 11th - More information and tickets area available here: <https://socalrailway.org/scrm-events/thomas/>

The Great Train Show: The Great Train Show will be rolling into Victorville, CA November 8th and 9th. Vendors, Layouts and more! Here is the link to the event: <https://www.greattrainshow.com/gts-show-landing-pages/victorville-10-25>

The California State

Railway Museum: The Polar Express - If you find your self in Sacramento in November you might want to Check out their Polar express run starting November 14th. More information and tickets can be found at: https://www.etix.com/ticket/mvc/online/upcomingEvents/eventSeries?event_id=1053905&orderBy=1&pageNumber=1

Metrolink Holiday Express

trains: Metrolink will be hosting their Holiday Express trains on select dates in December with Carolers, Holiday performers and of course Mr. and Mrs. Claus: <https://metrolinktrains.com/schedules/holiday-express-train/>

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

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

It's that time of year again...

Dues notifications will be going out later this month. Just a reminder:

Dues are payable November 1st
Dues are due December 1st
Dues are late January 1st

2026 RLS Membership

Regular Member dues = \$70.00
Non-Resident dues = \$35.00
Junior Member Dues = \$15.00

Like last year, we will have the option to pay your dues online through our Square account. The Club does add the credit card processing fee to your total amount. If you'd like to beat the rush and pay online sooner than later, email me at editor@rlsrr.com and I'll send you the appropriate link.

The RLS Directory

You will also be sent your RLS Membership Directory information sheet. We print out a directory every other year and 2026 will be our 60 year anniversary publishing. Please get the form back as soon as you can!



Have you moved? Do we have your latest address?

We get it, there is a lot going on moving to a new location (Not my favorite thing to do by a long shot). If you have changed your address you can drop us a note at:

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P.O.Box 5512
Riverside, CA 92517-5512

Or shoot me an email at editor@rlsrr.com

November Calendar "Who is it?"



Top Left: Richard Ronne running the 762 Berkshire.

Top Right: Tom Crue, Mike Harris and Sean Hagen.

Lower Left: Randy Chase in Allen's Valley Yard.

Lower Right: Sean Hagen tends to his engine as Anthony McBride talks to a member of the public..

Thanks to Joan Adams for the photos 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

November 7th, 8th & 9th Fall Meet

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

November 23rd Westbound
Figure Eight

December 14th Eastbound
Outside Loop

December 20th Work/Fun Day
8:00am to 3:00pm, Meeting 1:00pm

December 28th 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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