

# ***THE CHRONICLE***

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NEWS OF THE RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS



October 2025



## **Pulling In To Allen's Valley**

Sean Hagen eases his passenger train into Allen's Valley with Conductor Anthony McBride on the September 14<sup>th</sup> Run Day.

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## It's A Hobby...

Fall has begun, though it does appear that Mother Nature has some leftover Summer in the pantry that she'd like everyone to finish up before we go and open up a fresh box of Next Season.

The Board of Directors have opened the nomination process for the 2025-2026 Board Election. I encourage everyone to consider running for the Board. Being on the Board gives you a very unique opportunity to have a "behind the scenes" view of what it takes to operate a live steam railroad. If a member of the Nominating Committee asks if you are interested in running, please consider it. The Board will close the process at the October 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and ballots will be mailed out that following week.

With cooler weather allegedly on it's way I'd like to invite members to come out and participate in the upcoming Work/Fun days. We have only one work day before the Fall Meet in November and there's always something that needs taken care of.

The holiday season gets busy so plan to take a break from it all. Come out and operate your equipment on a Run Day! Your operation adds life to the railroad, it gives the public a chance to see different locomotives and rolling stock throughout the day and provides animation and a positive distraction at the station for guests waiting for the next outbound train.

See you out on the railroad!

- Brook

Brook Adams - President

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### 2026 RLS Calendars:

The 2026 RLS Calendars should be in by the **October Work/Fun Day.**

**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**

### What's Happening...



**The Central Coast Railroad Festival  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Central Coast Railroad Festival (CCRRF)

is a broad-based festival that focuses on railroading of many types with an eye toward the beauty of the central coast of California. More info can be found on their website at: <https://ccrrf.com/index.html>



**The Southern California Live Steamers Evening Halloween Trains**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
from 4:45pm to 8:15pm.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person at the station. More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/SoCalliveSteam>



**The Great Train Show  
October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Del Mar Fairgrounds**

2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd,  
Del Mar, CA 92014

Onsite Admission: \$13.00 for Adults on Saturday, \$12.00 for Adults on Sunday.

Online tickets \$1.00 less.

KIDS ARE FREE (11 and under) with adult and do not require a ticket. More info at: <https://www.greattrainshow.com/gts-show-landing-pages/del-mar-10-25>

## 2025 RLS Fall Meet



**This years Fall Meet will be held November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

As tradition, we have a free breakfast on Saturday and Sunday! Menu to include hash browns, sausage links or patties, Scrambled eggs, eggs over easy, eggs done to order, pancakes on Saturday, Waffles on Sunday. Coffee, milk and juice. 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](mailto:wpeterson458@gmail.com)

## Run Day September 14th

The first Run Day of September started off with an overcast and cool morning. Hunter Engineer Kevin Zamp took care of the morning shift on the 5057 with Conductor Tom Crue. Additional passenger service was once again provided by Sean Hagen at the throttle of his mighty 2-8-0, and Anthony McBride at the rear of the train. Freight trains were well represented by Richard Ronne and Jery Vargas with Jery on the cushion of #919, Richard Miller operating Charlie Kennemer's 2-6-0, Mark Spaulding and Nick Ellis ran Mark's Pacific, Tom Brody had his Mogul out after a brief back-shop and paint job, and Dan Williams took a lap with his 4-6-0 after a successful boiler check.



Afternoon Hunter Train was staffed by Conductor Jim Wood and Engineer Brook Adams. The Station area was crewed by Station Master Glenn Maness, Tiffany Love was at the Merchandise Cart, Marty Berg flagged the four track crossing and Chris Neiman headed up the morning station setup as well as helping out on the platform.

27 members made it out to enjoy a day of live steam!

## September 20 Work/Fun Day

Work day started off with leaf abatement in the Compound by Bob Roberts, Chris Neiman, Jonathan Rohrbach and Mike Harris.

Swamp cool repairs were performed by Bob Roberts and Brook Adams

Dave Bunts continued work on the third level lift.



Dan Williams and Tom Crue worked on leveling a track hump by Big Rock.

Bill Hesse cleaned the Club House bathrooms and outside sink.



Jonathan Rohrbach and Mike Harris worked on cleaning up and painting the replacement fuel box for Allen's Valley.

Richard, Tom and Dan replaced rail damaged by the Parks Trucks.

Mark and Mike attacked weeds in Allen's Valley.

Bob Roberts worked on installing new network cable hooks and cabling in Barney's Barn. A big thanks to everyone that made it out!!

## Run Day September 28<sup>th</sup>

The second Run Day in September was cloudy and cool, with some areas of Southern California getting sprinkles and showers before 8:00am. Mike Harris disarmed the Compound at 07:00am and started to get things opened up with O.S. of the day Richard Ronne right behind him. Jerry Roth kept track of member attendance for Richard.

Kevin Zamp volunteered for the morning



shift on the Hunter (thanks Kevin!) and Conductor Tom Crue readied the Hunter cars. Assisting in passenger service was Sean Hagen at the throttle of his Consolidation and Jake Weiss serving as Conductor in the morning. At the Station

we had Marty Berg flagging the four track crossing, Tiffany Love and Bill Hesse covered the Merchandise Cart, and Glenn Maness as Station Master.



Chris Neiman donned his emergency roadside assistance cap and towed the O.S. cart ("Cyril") back down to the Compound for a battery replacement.

Private passenger service was provided by Scott Horgan and Michael Capalety behind Doug Prescott's K-36 #487.

Afternoon shift on the Hunter train was taken care of by Conductor Mark



Spaulding and Engineer Brook Adams. Chris Neiman covered Conductor duties for the last hour on the extra passenger train. 21 members in all attended the day. Thanks to everyone that made it out and helped make the day run smoothly!

Photos from the Chronicle, Run Days and more can be found at the Club's website:  
<https://riversidelivesteamers.com/2025-photos/>

## October Calendar "Who is it ?"



**Top Left:** Berkshire power in David's Yard.

**Top Right:** Tiffany Love and Glenn Maness at the station.

**Lower Left:** Greg Casford on the 2925 with Tom Lawson tending his engine in the background.

**Lower Right:** From Left to right -Dan Williams, Scott Horgan, Nick Ellis and Dave Bunts look over the chassis of the C-16 locomotive.

**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](mailto:editor@rlsrr.com)

## Upcoming Important Dates

**October 12<sup>th</sup> Eastbound  
Outside Loop**

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

**October 26<sup>th</sup> Eastbound  
Figure Eight**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Fall Meet**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> Work/Fun Day  
8:00am to 3:00pm, Board Election &  
Meeting 1:00pm**

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> Westbound  
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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