

THE RLS CHRONICLE

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and just a little bit more...



What a Line-up!!

In what most likely has never happened before... and may not happen again, three of Jim Kreider's famous Berkshire locomotives and their owners lined up during the Fall Meet for a publicity photo. From Left to right: Gil Baerd, Tom Lawson and Gary Mocko. Not in the picture, but just as pleased as punch to see this stunning line-up, was Jim Kreider. As the photo shoot ended and each locomotive chuffed away, Jim stated it was one of the most impressive moments of his life.



The New RLS Board of Directors!

At the end of the November Board of Director's meeting, the tradition of counting the many voting ballots took place. Once everything was totaled and tallied, the result became the motley crew pictured above: (from the front to rear, left to right, top to bottom, inside and out) Brook Adams (Secretary), Joan Adams (Treasurer), A.J Benson (Vice President), Mike Gardener, Jeff Gorjan, Dave Bunts (President), Dave Parrott, and Bill Hesse. Please be sure to thank the outgoing Board members for their service and leadership: Rich Casford, Bob Beard, Jim Kreider, and David Lazarus.

The 2015 Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet

In a little more than a month, a whole bunch of RLS-folks will make the pilgrimage to the Hidden Valley Golf Course in the Norco Hills for the RLS Annual Dinner. Usually, the dinner is held on the Saturday before the last run day of January (Somewhere around the 22nd – 25th). However, this year, we had to move the date up by two weeks due to a conflict at Hidden Valley. The date for the 2015 Annual Dinner will be January 10th! Every member should have received an RSVP for the Dinner. Unfortunately, because of the new date, Glenn Maness must have your RSVP by January 6 in order to reserve your spot at one of the tables. Don't miss out! And, as always: the more, the merrier!



November 9 Run Day (photos by Joan Adams)

What a great day to be at the club: Very clear skies and lots of locomotives! Unfortunately, Summer thought it would be a great day to visit the club too (for one last time): The mid-day temperature reached 95 degrees!

The day started out like any normal Summer day (except that it was November): Paul Quick heading onto our mainline first and making a few laps before the summer heat settled in. Locomotives out for the day were: Paul Quick's 4-4-2, Bill Phillips' 4-6-2, Brad Bluth's 4-6-6-4, Charlie Kennemer's 2-6-0, the Club's 4-8-8-4 and the Club's 4-8-4. There were also a few locomotives out, but not under steam: Dave Moore's 4-6-6-4, the club's C-16, and Al Bondesen's 0-4-0.

The day's Hunter engineers were Bill Hesse and John Gurwell. Also pulling a passenger train was Brad Bluth's mighty Challenger (engineered by one of our newer members, Ryan Briggs). Making sure everyone stayed in their seats while riding the rails were Brad Bluth, John Gurwell, Chloe De La Torre, Sam Battelo, and Nick Battelo. Our station Master was Glenn Maness. Our O.S. for the day was Bob Beard. Also, because the park was so busy and we had a bunch of trains running, Marty Berg was our crossing guard at the Hunter Station. It was a great day to be at the park!





November 23rd Run Day (Photos by Joan Adams)

A beautiful day met any and all RLS members who made the bi-monthly trek to Hunter Park for yet another steam-filled day. Unlike the previous run day, the temperature was a wonderful, Fall-like 77 degrees! With six locomotives under steam and a few others in the compound, it really was a pleasant day to be out and about.



Locomotives out on the mainline: The Hunter (Mike Gardener), two Moguls (Pat O'Guin and A.J. Benson), a Challenger (Brad Bluth), and two Pacifics (Jeff Gorjans and Bill Phillips). Locomotives that remained in the compound were 2-8-2 (Ron Wilkerson), 0-6-0 (Richard Miller), 0-4-0 (Scott Horgan), 4-6-6-4 (Dave Moore), and 2-6-0 (Charlie Kennemer). Our Brakemen for the day were Ryan Briggs, John Gurwell and Chloe De La Torre. Our station master was none other than Glenn Maness



*Have a Very Merry Christmas
and a Wonderful New Year!!*



Has Another Year Already Passed?

Yes, Virginia, another year has passed! The above picture was taken a year ago as the Hunter train pulled out of Allen's Valley with an unusual passenger. Santa (looking very "So-Cal Cool") took time out of his busy schedule for a number of trips around our park. He also handed out candy canes to all the kids who rode with us that day (Secret Information **Shhhhh** --For those of you who don't know, our Santa is actually Manny Caldera)!

COMING RLS EVENTS:

Dec 14: Run Day

Dec 20: Fun Day (Work Day), B.o.D Meeting

Dec 28: Run Day

Jan 1: New Years Day Run!!

Jan 10: Annual Dinner!!

Jan 11: Run Day

Jan 17: Fun Day (Work Day), B.o.D Meeting

Jan 25: Run Day

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