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Al Thompson's Bench Cars - Part Deux



One of the many chores undertaken by the Wednesday work crew recently was the rehab of the bench cars originally built by Al Thompson in May of 1997.

When these cars were built, they did not have any end panels. Wood was purchased for these panels, cut to fit, sanded, primed and painted. Before these end panels were installed the crew you see above (l - r) Cliff Bornschein, Terry Cummings, Bob Platfoot and Bob Osborne decided to install new padding. This process was not an easy one. The cutting of the foam rubber and the material to cover the foam was relatively easy. Then each bench car had to be taken off the steaming bay, turned upside down and put back on a large wood panel used to cover the steaming bay. This had to be done in order to hide the staples that will keep the new cover attached to the top board on the bench car. Then the newly rehabed bench car was taken off the large wood panel and put back on its trucks on the steaming bay.

Above is the before and after picture of one of these bench cars. The next time you are at the Club, please thank the Wednesday crew for giving a new look to Al Thompson's old cars.

Others not pictured who helped were Bob Hayes, Mel Bresee & Bill Pemberton.

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Bob Brooks

Being a first class railroad, Jim Ferguson is building us a first class website. So be prepared to be yanked into the electronic age. A new item will be a list of potential tasks to be performed on the club's workday. This will enable members to log onto our web site and bring tools that will be useful for performing tasks on the first Saturday of the month. The schedule of events will also be posted so people can do long term planning.

The club roster is being prepared by Carol Hunneyman; and Bill Pemberton is taking members pictures to include in the roster. It would be convenient if the roster was on the website and password protected so Carol could keep it updated and members only could access it. Let's discuss this at the next general meeting on March 1st.

A software tool to facilitate signing up for events is called "EVITE". This tool is password protected and club members could log onto the computer and signup for events such as the Spring Meet. This would make it easier for event organizers to know who is coming and could even be used denote what they were bringing and tasks they were signing up to perform. Give this some thought and we will discuss using this at the general meeting.

The new year has started off with lots of rain and the resultant proliferation of greenery at Goat Hill. We will no doubt be faced with more weed control and grass mowing along our track right-of-way. The wet weather has slowed the bridge repair due to the muddy terrain. However the new beams are ready to be put in place.

We work a lot of hours maintaining this first class railroad. We must also remember that this is a hobby that is to be enjoyed by members and their families. There are beautiful trains in our containers that I have never seen out on the tracks. Members need to come out and enjoy their and the clubs trains. I would like to propose that we come out on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and enjoy our railroad. There will not be any formal activities, no planned food, just members having a good time for a couple of hours. You could also invite potential new members to enjoy our railroad. We need to actively recruit families to maintain the membership numbers required to sustain the club and its facilities. When daylight saving time is here, we could come out in the late afternoon or early evening for some fun runs. I plan on running trains for fun on the afternoons of March 2nd, 8th, and 9th. Hope to see some of you there.

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<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
March 1st Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 a.m. Clubhouse followed by Work Day . Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon.
March 12th Wed.: Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Clubhouse.
March 15th & 16th Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
April 5th Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 a.m. - Clubhouse followed by Work Day . Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon.
April 24th - 27th OCME Spring Meet (see page 3)

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Dispatchers Note: Feb 2008

Railroad: Mackerel Flats & Goat Hill Junction
Call List: OCME Membership & Guests
Run: ***SPECIAL*** - OCME Spring Meet - 24-27
April 2008

Passengers: OCME Members and their Guests
Special Events:

Thursday Set up Hobo Camp, Main Line & Yard Operations (Ops)
Friday Am-Pm - Main Line & Yard Ops
Saturday Am-Pm - Maine Line, Yard, Birthday Party, Fire Dept & Family Fun
Sunday Am-Pm - Engineers Choice, Secure Boilers & Camp @ 3PM.

Accommodations: Pullman of choice for dry camping.

Activities:

Friday: Children's activities, Dinner (bring own meat & a dish to share - grill will be hot).

Saturday: Breakfast for early birds, train skill events, children's activities, Fire Department Demonstrations (TBD), lunch for all and later a Hobo Cook Out for dinner (potluck).

Mark your calendars and look for 'more' signals.

This is a **non-public run** activity and meant to be shared with the families and guests of the OCME members. We look forward to your participation and most of all, the fellowship of sharing the railroad experience once again. If you would like to volunteer your time, services or ideas, please contact Russ Green (858) 748-4009 or npcaboose@cox.net.

Many "thanks" to the February Run Week End Volunteers.

Chris Anten, Dave Bowen, Mel Bresee, Bob Brooks*, Rowena Asuncion-Duong, Eric Engle, Jim* & Hunter* Ferguson, Paul Hammond*, Erik Hansen, Raymond Hill, Gary Kimble, Jim Kontur, Ken Matassa*, Juanita Matassa*, Eric Noel, Bill Pemberton, Jerry Platfoot, Adrian Schadee*, Gary Sharp*, Allen Stephens*, Glenn Swain, Lois Taube*, Steve* & Janet* Trom, Chuck* & Jean Trom, Dick Zeleznikar.

“*” signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..

Many "thanks" to the February Birthday Party Volunteers.

Bob Platfoot, Gary Kimble, Glenn Swain, Bill Pemberton, Dave Bowen, Norm Jobse, Dick Zeleznikar, Steve Trom.

GENERAL RULE OF THE MONTH

(B). Members, and others who utilize Orange County Model Engineers, Inc. (O.C.M.E.) facilities, must be conversant with and obey rules and any special instructions. If in doubt as to their meaning, they must apply to proper authority of the Corporation for an explanation.

SAFETY RULE OF THE MONTH

833(A). Young children are not permitted to ride trains until they are able to stand and walk. Pregnant females should not be allowed to board trains.

DO WE HAVE YOUR PICTURE?

The 2008 Roster will be out shortly, with something a bit new... pictures! It was a bit of a last minute idea. Bill Pemberton has been taking pictures and featuring members in the newsletter... I was receiving renewals...and we thought "why not use the pictures in the roster". Some of us don't see each other but 1-2 times a year and pictures definitely help jog the memory. This is our first attempt. If you didn't get included, I can get it added. I will be updating the roster throughout the year. So, if you have a digital picture, email it to me. Otherwise, grab Bill Pemberton or Lori Tolan if you see them with their cameras and say "Take my picture!"

Carol Hunneyman
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PLAN AHEAD FOR OCME'S 17TH ANNUAL FALL MEET

**The dates will be Thursday September 18th
thru Sunday September 21st, 2008**



OCME's 2008 ANNUAL DINNER

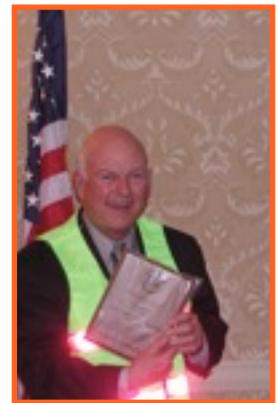
Junior Members--Nikki Hayes, Alex Acuna & Justin Jackson



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Erik Hansen, Kevin Tolan & Hank Hornsveld



Outgoing President
Terry Cummings



Lori Tolan, Betty Cummings,
Jim & Cindy Jackson



Frankie Foster



MF & GH Junction "Harvey Girls"



The Hunneyman
Family

**THANK YOU KURT FOR A GREAT
DINNER**