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Before & after pictures of the water tower, switch 905S & the trestle. Thanks to Kurt Kohler for work on the water tower, Bobs Brooks & Osborne & Terry Cummings for the new switch and all those who were mentioned

in the President's message for widening both sides of the Hank Hornsveld Trestle.



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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Bob Brooks

O.C.M.E. is encouraging the membership to make greater use of our facilities on non-public run days. To this end we want our club to encourage a tradition of having Fun Run Days on holidays such as the following: Friday July 4th, Monday September 1st, Thursday November 27th, and Friday November 28th. The hours would be say from 10am to 2pm. It would be informal, so each would bring their lunch; however the soda machine would be open for free drinks. On Memorial Day, Monday May 26th, there was a nice turnout of members and their families. Obviously, families plan events of their own on holidays and the club doesn't want to discourage these important gatherings. However if nothing is in the works come on down to Goat Hill. The weather is always nice. The view is spectacular. The camaraderie is overflowing. The topics of discussion are always pertinent. We now have a huge green shade structure in the compound to facilitate the above.

You may not recognize the bridge. It has been widened by 6 inches on each side and new gates will soon be installed since the old ones are now 1 foot to short. The south side was widened on the June work day by a stalwart crew of hard working members. The work crew consisted of: **Alex Acuna, Bob Brooks, Terry Cummings, Eric Engle, Ken Matassa, Myron Peterson, Mike Springer, Harry Taylor, and Jeff Tolan.** After the bridge is painted we will install the signs as they were before.

Our next major project is the building of a gravel crib to contain our ballast. It will hold 2 dump truck loads of gravel, which is approximately 20 cubic yards. It will have a cinder block wall in the current location of the gravel pile. We need a good cinder block mason to lead the building of the wall. If you are such an individual let one of the board members know.

In the June Way Freight, I told you that the Board is going to call a Special Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Fall Meet dinner in September for the purpose of amending the Club's By-Laws.

The following are proposed amendments to the By-Laws. The final version will voted on at a special meeting during the Fall Meet. Please review these changes.

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| <u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u> |
| July 9th Wed.: Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Clubhouse. |
| July 12th Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 a.m. Clubhouse followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon. |
| July 19th & 20th Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. |
| August 2nd Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 a.m. - Clubhouse followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon. |
| August 3rd Sun.:Country Fun Hoe Down-See Page 4 |

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{President, from page 2}

Revise the following paragraph in the O.C.M.E. By-Laws Article II. Section 1- MEMBERSHIP, Sub-section A.

- A. The corporation shall have ~~six~~ (6) eight (8) classes of membership. Annual membership shall be from the first day of January. The designation of classes of membership and the qualifications and rights of the members of such classes are as follows:

Add the following paragraph to the O.C.M.E. By-Laws Article II. Section 1 – MEMBERSHIP, Subsection A

8. **FAMILY MEMBERS:** One/Two person(s) over 18 years of age and family persons below the age of 18 who subscribe to the purpose of this organization stated in article 1.2, of these By-Laws: who hold O.C.M.E. membership card(s) and has paid the initiation fee; who pay annual dues of \$60.00, prorated monthly; and who reside within 75 miles of O.C.M.E. facilities, shall be considered family members. Such members, who are 12 years of age or over shall have voting rights. Such members, who are over the age of 18 may hold office as a member of the Board of Directors. The initiation fee shall be \$30.00

Add the following sentence to O.C.M.E. By-Laws Article II. Section 1- MEMBERSHIP, Sub-section A, Paragraph 6.

The widower/widow of a regular member in good standing at the time of the members passing may continue their auxiliary membership.

Please be prepared to vote at the Saturday night dinner of the Fall Meet on the proposed changes to the clubs By-Laws.

Thanks for your participation and I'll see you at our First Class Railroad.

PLAN AHEAD FOR OCME's 17TH ANNUAL FALL MEET

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

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

Alex Acuña*, Dave Bowen, Mel Bresee, Betty* & Terry* Cummings, Marilyn Donnelly, Rowena Duong, Eric Engle*, Paul Hammond, Joe, Carolyn & Nikki Hayes, Raymond Hill, Gary Kimble, Derek & Claire Marsden, Jim Marsden, Ken Matassa*, Juanita Matassa*, Doug & Bailey Maywald, Kevin & Donna O'Connor, Larry Ogle, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot, Gary Sharp*, Dixon Sheldon, Lois Taube*, Steve & Janet Trom, Chuck Trom.

“*” signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..

Many "thanks" to the June Birthday Party Volunteers.

Russ Green, Gary Kimble, Dick Zeleznikar, Bill Pemberton, Justin Jackson.

SAFETY RULE OF THE MONTH

832. Passengers must not be allowed to use photo or video equipment while on board the train. Food or drink are not permitted aboard trains.



Bob & Margie Fackiner



Bob and Margie Fackiner have been members of OCME since 1989. Bob has been intrigued by steam engines since he was a young boy back in 1927 in Summit, New Jersey. He'd watch his father catch the steam train every morning from Lackawanna going to New York City.

Years later, after moving to Anaheim, California, he was inducted into the Army in 1943 and rode a coal-burner Southern Pacific troop train to the East Coast. It took eight days of travel. After this service, his heart was saddened to see the big steam trains chugging into Wilmington, California to be cut up for scrap.

He heard about and joined the Riverside Live Steamers and found an Allen engine that was

half built and Bob finished working on it. It is now the train his grandson, Todd Marsden has. Derek Marsden now has his grandpa's Pacific steam train. They both are New York Centrals.

Bob heard about and joined the new club in Costa Mesa, OCME, which was closer to home. Margie spent many months without Bob while he welded up the transfer table, the turnabout, the hoist and all of the steaming bays, which are still in operation to this day. He also machined some switches for the tracks and plates for the Hornsveld trestle. Margie and Bob have bought and donated half of a container for the storage of trains.

They celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary this last June.

Important DATE CHANGE for summer fun run!

By, Lori Tolan

Due to a conflict, our annual summer fun run is going to be changed from **July 26th to Sunday, August 3rd**. So mark your calendars for the new date in August and gather your family and friends and come down to OCME for our first Country Fun Hoe Down! There will be music, BBQ chicken/ribs and fixins and even a poker run for our fun summer afternoon event. The club will provide the main dishes and guests will bring sides, appetizers and/or desserts. The compound will open up around 4:00 p.m. We'll start getting our engines out and dinner will be served at 5:00. The evening will top off with a poker run at 6:00. As in the past, this is an easy and fun event for the whole family. Poker cards will be available for purchase for \$2/each or 3 cards for \$5. The simple rules are to get on any train and pick up poker cards at designated stops along the track. The winning hands are then calculated in the compound by 7:00 with cash prizes for the top three hands. Children poker cards will also be available as well. Any volunteers for poker dealers will be greatly appreciated (training available upon request!). So partners grab your cowboy boots and hats and come on down for a wonderful Sunday afternoon on August 3rd. If bringing a large group please RSVP to Lori Tolan @ 714-969-9834 or kevtol1@gte.net SEE YA SOON!