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More work done on the Hank Hornsveld trestle

One of the chores undertaken by the Saturday work crew was to fix the pond that always builds up under the trestle during any rain fall.

Under the rocks you see in the accompanying pictures is a drain pipe with holes drilled in it. The rain water will seep through these rocks, into the drain pipe and flow out under the Mountain Division rail and down into the gully where the large drain empties. This will protect the bridge bents from water damage in the future. Approximately sixty feet of trench was picked, shoveled, wheelbarrowed, and sweated over on a hot day. Every inch was hard adobe with some old asphalt thrown in for good measure. There is still more trench to dig to get it to its ultimate destination.



Another addition was a new gate to accommodate the wider trestle. See picture below.



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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Bob Brooks

The turnout for the Fun Run on July 4th was great! Several families had a great time running trains and socializing under the new awning. We each brought our own lunches and the club provided soft drinks. So please come on out and participate at the next opportunity. **This will be on Monday September 1st.** The hours are from 10am till 2pm; however nothing is hard and fast. Come when you can and leave when you must. Remember this is a fun time not a work time. However you may use this as a good opportunity to work on your own rolling stock. Don't forget we also have an opportunity around Thanksgiving to enjoy our great railroad. Any time is a good time to come out and use the facilities and run your train. We had a couple of members out on a Sunday this month running their trains.

The Saturday workday was a resounding success. As you all may recall the drainage on the north end of the bridge was nonexistent and we always had a pond there when it rained. Well a French drain was installed that will carry water out past the Mountain Division and down into the gully where the large drain empties. This will protect the bridge bents from water damage in the future. Approximately sixty feet of trench was picked, shoveled, wheelbarrowed, and sweated over on a hot day. Every inch was hard adobe with some old asphalt thrown in for good measure. The work crew was: **Alex Acuna, Bob Brooks, Terry Cummings, Eric Engle, Paul Hammond, Myron Peterson, Bob Platfoot, Mike Springer, Harry Taylor, and Larry Ogle, a new member.** What a way to get broken in. New members like Larry are what we need. So remember to keep up the recruiting.

The motorcycle jack that will be modified for moving rolling stock into storage on the bottom of containers A and B. was uncrated and the wheels installed so it could be moved. Several staff hours were spent discussing design alternatives to utilize the new rolling jack. It is very clear that we need to decide what the track in the bottom of the containers will look like so we can mate the new rolling jack to the container for transferring the rolling stock into place.

We have a schedule for replacing boards and painting the bridge. The Eagle Scout projects will occur between the August and September run weekends. OCME is responsible for taking up the track and sheet metal and replacing the sheet metal and putting down the new track panels that have already been built.

We have received our first order of steel rail, which will be used for switch repair/replacement and track replacement. We will no doubt have a learning curve in order to efficiently work with steel, so come out and be involved with the maintenance and building of our First Class Railroad.

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August 2nd Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 a.m. Clubhouse followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon.
August 13th Wed.: Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Clubhouse.
August 16th & 17th Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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September 6th Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 a.m. - Clubhouse followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon.

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Russ Green

as told by Scooby

First, let me introduce myself – my name is Scooby, the only conductor at Goat Hill with long hairy ears and a big nose that likes to sniff, snort and sit in a circus car – yep, now you know me – that cocker spaniel who just LOVES to ride trains and whose best buddy, Russ Green, engineers the Northern Pacific (NP) F7. I haven't been around all the time he has had trains – but long enough to have heard numerous stories, many of which are not repeatable because I have been sworn to secrecy. However, there are a few things that I can share. ☺

First - he was born and raised in Montana – joined the Navy & retired after 26 years of service, worked with and consulted to the US Navy and Air Force in research and development on future communications, command and control issues and has also designed and built garden railroads (1/24th scale) for his yard and others.

Russ has built models of one sort or another of planes (plastic/rubber band/U-control/RC), boats and cars (from kits or scratch built) since childhood. In the mid 1990's he began building a 1/8th scale model of a NP 24 foot wooden cabooses in

memory of his father, two uncles, and two grandfathers (all of whom had a railroad background) and needed assistance with the trucks. Ben Viola was consulted, eventually built the trucks and also gave Russ his first insight into OCME and large scale model railroading. Thanks Ben! He (now me) has been in love with the trains ever since! The cabooses currently resides in a Museum in Livingston Montana where the NP once maintained a division point. Russ also built a twin cabooses, and it is in one of the containers at OCME. In 1997 he began construction of the NP North Coast Limited passenger train – a replica of the 1950 era's cars. Then, as time progressed, he made other freight cars from pictures he saw in books and magazines. Although he has identified all of his cars as NP – they really are a cross section of authentic late 1800s and early 1900's rolling stock used on several railroads throughout the United States.

Russ and my master's wife of forty one years – Peggy, get all excited when they come up for the spring and fall meets. I wag my tail too! They often comment about the camaraderie with others while sharing the railroading experience at OCME whenever they have the opportunity to participate in ongoing or special activities that are available to the club members. That includes work days – running during the week – a special occasion such as the club annual meets, and of course Russ's favorite time spent with helping out with birthday parties. I know I enjoy going – when I can – but I don't get to go as often as he does... maybe those of you who read this might enjoy helping more often too – ya think?

For now – this is Scooby signing off – time for my nap but do dream about how nice it is to sniff the fresh air and make sure my engineer keeps on track. See you soon!

Scooby

Silent Valley Campground Membership Transfer Opportunity

Lee and I have been members of this private RV resort since 1975. It is located 9 miles south of Banning on the way to Idyllwild. There are 850 campsites, swimming pools, tennis courts, a restaurant, a store and much more. To see more visit www.silentvalleyclub.com.

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