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OCME's 2009 SPRING MEET

by Russ Green

The Spring Meet is now over but the smiles remain. Sharing the rails with our family members and their guests, plus visitors from other clubs has become a love affair for those who share in our wonderful hobby at OCME. My gratitude to the committee members who did the majority of work, for without their dedication this would not have been possible. When you see Gary and Angie Dutra, Alex Acuña, Gary Kimble, Dixon and Carol Sheldon, Joe and Carolyn Hayes, Jim Ferguson and Doug Maywald, please thank them for all that they did. We served approximately one hundred and twenty hobos for lunch on Saturday to those who were operating twenty five plus trains. There were times on Saturday when Platfoot Yard was nearly full, half of Skinner yard was in use and the steaming bays were seventy five percent occupied. A G-scale live steam demonstration was provided by Jeff Summers, another testimonial to our train enthusiasm and expanded scale knowledge. Boiler inspections were provided for our guests by Glenn, Myron and Bob. A special birthday party was held for

a great great grand daughter – see what you started Norm - Congratulations!

Should you have missed the Spring Meet and the photo opportunities it provided, please look at our web site for the most recent pictures by Alex and others. Thanks to everyone for making this OCME club activity such a superb, relaxing, and pleasurable event.



Russ Green, OCME Spring Meet Chairman

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Bob Brooks

Welcome to the May 2009 Way Freight. Last month was a successful one for the club. We held a very successful Spring Meet. Many thanks are due Russ Green, Sheldon Dixon, Jim Ferguson, and Joe Hayes for their key support. We also thank Ruby's Diner for donating meat to feed the multitudes.

April 18th & 19th run days were very successful. There were 1605 riders on Saturday and 1280 on Sunday. Thanks to all who worked these days. It is very important that the Club performs well on these days. Giving back to the community is what it's all about. The Daily Breeze was on hand all weekend to capture the OCME at work on run days. Look for some news coverage in May.

The Raise Foundation Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Carnival on April 4th was a big success. We gave about 850 rides. The group really liked the turnout and our support. So we may see them back next year. Again supporting these non-profit civic functions is a good way for OCME to serve the community. Thanks to all members who donated their valuable time to help out.

Across Placentia at Fair View Park on May 8th, 9th, & 10th there will be a group of Civil War re-enactors with all of their authentic equipment and uniforms. This looks like a good opportunity for people to see first hand what warfare was like in the 1860's. The Club will not be impacted as all activities will take place across Placentia. They will be firing cannons and other firearms so if you want to see and hear the troops in action come on out and support their activities.

Monday May 25th is Memorial Day. No formal club activities are planned. However, this would be a great day to bring your lunch and get out your own equipment and run for pleasure. This Saturday (May 2nd) is our monthly workday. Hope to see you at our First Class Railroad.

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| <u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u> |
| May 2nd Sat.: Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. General Meeting 9:00 a.m. - Clubhouse followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon |
| May 16th & 17th Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. |
| June 6th Sat.: Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. General Meeting 9:00 a.m. - Clubhouse followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon |

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MORE SPRING MEET PHOTOS



“I’ve been workin’ on the railroad” in April



Alex Acuña*, Dave Bowen, Mel Bresee, Bob Brooks*, Terry* & Betty* Cummings, Marilyn Donnelly*, Jim* & Hunter Ferguson, Paul Hammond*, Erik Hansen*, Joe*, Carolyn* & Nikki Hayes, Raymond & Daniel Hill, Hank Hornsveld*, Norm Jobse*, Gary Kimble, Jim Kontur*, Patrick Ledbetter, Ken Matassa*, Juanita Matassa*, Dan O’Brien, Kevin & Donna O’Connor, Larry Ogle*, Phil Parker, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot*, Gary Sharp*, Dixon Sheldon*, Mike Springer, Glenn Swain, Lois Taube*, Steve* & Janet* Trom, Chuck Trom*, Dick Zeleznikar.

“*” signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..



Many “thanks” to the April Birthday Party Volunteers.

Larry Ogle & Phil Parker.

Many “thanks” to the Raise Foundation Special Run

Bob Brooks. Betty Cummings, Gary Kimble, Jim Kontur, Ken Matassa, Dan O’Brien, Larry Ogle, Phil & Joanie Parker, Bill Pemberton, Bob Platfoot, Gary Sharp, Glenn Swain, Steve & Janet Trom, Chuck Trom.

PLAN AHEAD FOR OCME’s 18TH ANNUAL FALL MEET

The dates will be Thursday, September 17th thru Sunday, September 20th, 2009.



Doug Maywald fixing the crossing signal



Mike & Tim Getscher getting ready



Bob Osborne & Jerry Platfoo



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Are we there yet?



Jim Ferguson & Joe Hayes are saying "is it time Yet?"

Look at Russ' handiwork



Everyone says "YES!!"

Dixon & Chasten enjoying Chuckles



But wait for us!!

Here is the great great granddad of the birthday girl