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## **New Goat Hill Station**

The Orange County Model Engineers have been fortunate to be the recipient of many Boy Scout Eagle projects. Some of these projects include the beautiful awing outside the Club house and the retaining wall on the Mountain Division. In August we are going to have our Station re-built as part of an Eagle Scout project.

Thomas Bunning is a member of Boy Scout Troop 636. He is currently working on a service project that will help him attain the final rank of Eagle. His project will be to re-build our Station, which has been standing for almost twenty years and it is beginning to decay because of termite damage, dry rot, wear from weather, and general use. He will be rebuilding the passenger waiting area of the Station, replacing all the damaged materials, and ensuring that the structure will continue to serve its purpose for years to come. After being restored, our Station will once again be used to benefit thousands of families who have experienced the Mackerel Flats Goat Hill Junction Railroad.

Thomas and those helping him will be working on our new Station during the weekends of August 22nd and 23rd and August 29th and 30th. This project will cost approximately \$2,500.00. This is a lot of money for Thomas to solicit. He intends to ask the City of Costa Mesa for permission

to have a BBQ during one of our public run weekends so he may raise the needed funds.

This project, once finished, will enhance our Club in a very positive way. If any Club members wish to donate toward this project, Thomas would be very thankful for any size donation. Please make checks out to Thomas Bunning and mail to:

31441 Santa Margarita Pkwy #A204  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

For more information, please contact Thomas at (949) 459-9221 or at [drw3@pacbell.net](mailto:drw3@pacbell.net).

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# A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

## President Bob Brooks

During May and June, two important projects were completed that enhance the Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad infrastructure. The gravel crib was completed and the crossings for Higgins and Matassa were widened at the bridge. The gravel crib will hold a double truckload of gravel. The drains around it and the cinder block wall will protect the Hank Hornsveld Bridge from ground water damage. You remember last year we had to replace one of the bridge bents. The extended crossings will allow the gravel truck to back in and dump its load in the gravel pit thus making it more convenient for us. The next step is to reconnect the water line out to the Mehren water tower for our steamers. Pictures of the gravel pit during and after construction are shown on other pages of this Way Freight. The cinder block wall and bridge were already targeted by graffiti vandals. Any time you see graffiti please report it to a board member right away so we can call the Costa Mesa Graffiti Hot Line at 714-327-7491.

Thursday June 11th, 2009 is a day to remember. The 509 was delivered after 32 months on order. People take 9 months, elephants take 24 months, trains take a bit longer. It was securely crated as you can see in the pictures on other pages of this Way Freight. The riding car was on top of the 509 engine. The whole kit and caboodle was off loaded and then inspected and given a short test run. It looks and runs very nicely. There are a couple of things that will be done before it will be used to pull the public in July. A red flashing light has been connected to the fuel pump switch so we will have positive information to remind us to turn off the switch. Also hoses and wiring will be examined to insure that there is no chaffing. Stronger safety chain attachments will replace the current ones. Washers will be added to the king pins so that the trucks will not drop far when re-railing is required. The Kill switch is being replaced so that it cannot be inadvertently be activated. Run time hour and rpm meters are also being installed. The 509 will be housed in the current 596 location; and the 596 will be moved to container "C" across from the Santa Fe. In order to run the new 509 you must be an OCME Engineer and checked out by Bob Brooks, Myron Peterson, or Terry Cummings. The 509 is a little different then the 1104 so be sure and be checked out.

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<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>	
<b>July 4th Sat: Fun Day at the Club.</b>	
<b>July 11th 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</b>	
<b>July 18th &amp; 19th Sat. &amp; Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>July 25th Sat.: Mexican Fiesta/Poker Fun Run</b>	
<b>August 1st 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</b>	

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A few dates to remember are the following: July 4, July 25 and August 7, 8, & 9 2009. If you are not going any where or doing any thing special on July 4th, come on down to the Club and run your equipment. Nothing is planned by the Club but you can do your own thing and hang out with OCME friends. July 25<sup>th</sup> is the Poker Run. Lori Tolan has planned it out and you should see her notice in this issue of the Way Freight for details. August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 is the Family Fun Weekend for members. The Club has obtained camping permits for its members. We can camp between 7:00 a.m. on August 7th 2009 until 10:00 p.m. on August 9th 2009. The Club is not providing any organized activities or food or drinks. You just come and camp and run your trains and hang out and do your own thing. It is a time to relax and enjoy our Club and each other. Russ Green is the point of contact at (858) 748-4009. So come on out and enjoy our First Class Railroad.



**“I’ve been workin’ on the railroad”  
in June**



Dave Bowen, Bob Brooks\*, Betty Cummings\*, Marilyn Donnelly\* Eric Engle, Paul Hammond\*, Erik Hansen\*, Jim Kontur\*, Norm Jobse\*, Ken Matassa\*, Juanita Matassa\*, Dan O’Brien, Kevin & Donna O’Connor, Larry Ogle\*, Bob Osborne, Phil Parker, Bill Pemberton\*, Jerry Platfoot, Allen Stephens\*, Lois Taube\*, Kevin, Lori & Jeff Tolan, Steve\* & Janet Trom\*, Chuck Trom, Dick Zelezni-kar.

“\*” signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..

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**PLAN AHEAD FOR OCME’s  
18TH ANNUAL FALL MEET**

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

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**Summer Fun and Poker Run**

Bring your friends and family out to OCME this summer and enjoy the warm evenings here at the Club. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, OCME will be having its annual fun and poker run. The theme of the evening will be a Mexican Fiesta, so there will be plenty of good food, music and even a piñata to add to our fun. Arrive around 4:00p.m. and get the trains out and purchase your poker cards. For those who have not participated in a poker run it is very easy. For \$2 per card or 3 cards for \$5, you can play. After our Mexican feast, simply get on a train, (invite yourself if you have to) and get ready to stop and play at each of the poker stations throughout the park. At each stop, you simply pick a card from the deck hand (any volunteers?), and it will be documented on your official pre-purchased poker card. The first place winning hand will win half the pot, the rest will be divided up amongst the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and children winners.

Dinner will be around 5:00p.m. with the Club sponsoring our Super-Mex “make-your-own-tacos” bar. Please contribute to our meal with a side dish, appetizer or dessert. After dinner we will Ole’ with a piñata, then on to our poker run at 6:30 p.m. **Please call Lori Tolan 714-969-9834, if you are bringing a large group and or if you can volunteer to be a poker hand. See you on the 25<sup>th</sup>!**

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**Many “thanks” to the  
June  
Birthday Party  
Volunteers.**

Jim Kontur, Russ Green, Gary Kimble, Alex Acuña, Larry Ogle, Bill Pemberton.



## What's New at OCME



Here are the pictures referenced in Bob Brook's message. Clock wise from bottom left: the 509 in all its glory; the 509 being test driven by Myron Peterson with Angela Dutra, Terry Cummings and Mike Springer looking on; the 509 as it arrived in its crate; the before picture of the gravel pit; and the finished product.