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OCME's 2012 Annual Banquet

by Dixon Sheldon

Betty Cummings made all the arrangements for our banquet at the Claim Jumper. We had great fun and a good turn out.



Joe & Carolyn Hayes, Carroll & Dixon Sheldon set up the centerpieces. Claire Marsden came to the rescue and made name tags. Claire has many hidden talents.

This year's trivia quiz had a twist. Each table had a different set of questions so when they tried to compare answers, it did not work. We learned things about the railroads that each age knew about. It was a challenge! The members that did not fair well were served last. There was enough food for everyone, even those who wanted seconds.

We had placed lanterns at each table. You could tell they were a hit as several members were dissecting them trying to figure out how they functioned. We made sure all of the kids got a lantern and so did several members.



We gave Myron a key chain with loco and diesel engines engraved on it for his years of service on the Club's Board. He has plans for his gift.



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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Joe Hayes

We were fortunate to have rain free run days in February, with enough train crews to handle the people that turned out. The Kristie's foundation fund raiser was a lot of fun that added to our Sunday run. Their jail/bailout event went very well, and they provided food for all of the club members. It was also, very good to see Jim Kontur back working at the station, he worked the train master position until the afternoon cold winds were too much for him..

The work day for February was also a success in that a work party successfully completed another leg of the west Y. There were several other work parties at the Club working smaller projects, two birthday parties operating and at least two other trains running on the layout throughout the day.

There are three pallets of tie material that were delivered. Rails are available when the tie material is cut to proper lengths to build new track panels. The track needs several new panels to replace old worn out or damaged track. If anyone has questions on what needs to be done just ask any board member or anyone you see working in the compound. Remember general rule F - "Accidents, defects in track bridges, or any condition which may affect the safe operation of the railroad must be reported."

The spring meet is getting close and planning is underway. Mark Speer IV is the meet chairman and could use all the assistance we can give him. If you have any suggestions for activities or special ideas contact either Mark or a board member.

Other events coming up soon are the Fire Truck event in April, and a special steam day in March. Questions should be directed to either me or Dixon.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3rd. Sat.: Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house. Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00 PM
March 10th. Sat.: Steam Engine/Boiler Test Day
March 17th. - 18th.: Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM
April 7th.: Sat.: Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house. Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00 PM
April 26th - 29th.: OCME's Spring Meet (See Page 3)

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Chuckles Safety Corner

While out at the track I figured out how far 2/3's of a football field is. This is the distance we need to maintain between trains while in motion. Some of our younger members who have not played football do not know how far this is. The distance from the signal bridge to the water box, which is identified by a red stake at the siding nearest Engineers Rest, is about 200 feet or 2/3's of a football field. This distance allows the train behind enough time and space to stop safely while traveling down the tracks.

We, as a group, are doing a better job of staying on the track. Thank you for all of your efforts.

Next month we will be having a safety program for our steam locomotives. On March 10th we plan on testing all of our steam engines. IF you own a steamer make an effort to come out and get your engine tested. We have a new pressure tester. **Note: when operating this device it will only take a few strokes to bring up the pressure, this device will be operated by the engine's owner.**

Please provide your own plugs for your safeties so we can get the job finished quickly.

We need some members to assist us and to be trained to become qualified boiler testers.

When this task is completed, Claire will be making a special lunch for us. Come out, be tested, enjoy a nice lunch, steam up and have a fun run in the afternoon.

Anyone who is not a steamer is welcome to come, help out and enjoy the day at the railroad.

Thank you for supporting this safety program.

Chuckles



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



Mel Bresee, Bob Brooks*, Stefanie Drake*, Eric Engle, Paul Hammond*, Joe* & Carolyn* Hayes, Norm Jobse*, Gary Kimble, Jim Kontur, Russell Maguire*, Derek & Claire Marsden, Ken Matassa*, Juanita Matassa*, Kevin & Donna O’Connor, Larry Ogle*, Bill Pemberton, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot, Alex Posa*, Gary Sharp*, Dixon Sheldon, ,

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“*” signifies working both Saturday and Sunday.

2012 SPRING MEET

Hello, everyone! Yes, it’s that time of year again, time for OCME’s annual spring meet! Yes, it’s only February now, but it will be April before you know it! So, it’s time to start your planning, finish up your projects, roll your trains out, and prepare for a good time! The spring meet will start on the Thursday April 26th and end on Sunday April 29th. I need volunteers for setup on Thursday, as well as volunteers for tear down on Sunday afternoon.

Here’s the layout for the weekend as of right now: We have a clinic planned for Saturday morning, and Dixon has claimed his spot for a puppet show on Saturday afternoon. The puppet show, will, of course, feature everyone’s favorite Goat Hill hobo, Chuckles. We will have potluck dinners Friday and Saturday evenings.

There you have it, folks! Mark your calendars, and get your gear ready!

If you have any suggestions, or would like to sign up to volunteer for any aspect of the meet preparation, please feel free to email me at: amtk.763nth.sba@sbcglobal.net.

I expect to see each and every one of your smiling faces out at the Club!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mark Speer IV.



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

Jack Young, Larry Ogle, Ron Blanchard, Russ Green, Raymond Hill.



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Betty thanked the Harvey girls for their invaluable help in the Mackerel Flats Mercantile. Joe and I thanked the rest of the members for their contributions over the last year. There have been many ideas given to the Board. We as a Board have implemented many of these which improved the safety, operations and enjoyment of our railroad.

Almost forgot the food. We had a delicious salad, rolls, chicken, veggies and potatoes. The deserts were better than last year's. The same hostess helped us again this year. She was also our bartender and assisted Dixon with the music.

OSH Hardware provided us with calendars this year. They are nice as always.

Everyone was having such a good time that Betty had to usher us out so we did not have to pay extra for the hall.

There were many discussions about the Club and track.

Everyone had a wonderful evening.

