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OCME's 2012 Spring Pump-In

by Dixon Sheldon



Sundays run could not have been better than this. Darrell Gilbert had the Annual Pump-In here. We had over 17 old and new fire trucks including an original Station Wagon Woody (see pictures on insert page).

In addition to Darrell and his support staff, there were local fire fighters, retired fire fighters and fire fighter Explorers. These Explorers were treated to some special rides at Goat Hill Junction.



Other organization that contributed to this great time were Kristie's Foundation and the Sunshine Group.

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Joe Hayes

There are several track panels ready for use in the railroad. After the spring meet, we need work crews to install them where they are needed the most.

A switch has been fabricated to replace the switch P7 north of the station. The switch will require custom installation to make it fit the situation. If there is a problem, consult with Bob Osborne or me.

The Matassa loop upper entrance has been extended and provide an alternate route for Higgins Cut and bridge underpass.

The new Plum Cove Box Cab engine is ready for Club use. We are establishing a training program. Please follow the guide lines and procedures that are provided in the manual with the Box Cab. The Box Cab will be stored in container C, which should make it fairly accessible to the track layout.

The fire engine event was a huge success. We made many new friends and many kids very happy. The organizers of the event should be complemented by everyone. Darrell Gilbert and Dixon Sheldon were the main driving forces from our Club, let them know how much you appreciate their efforts. There is a new plaque in the Goat Hill Station, commemorating the event and thanking our club for the job well done. The Kristie's Foundation people and the fire fighter representatives have already expressed interest in making this an annual event.

Our work day schedule for May will include many tasks we need to accomplish this year. Some may seem trivial to many, but they are important for the overall operation of the railroad. Some work is part of projects in the near future and some is to catch up on neglected maintenance. The following is a partial list I have come up with for this work day: track replacement for one side of a Wye; track maintenance for loose ties; replacement of worn rails; picnic table maintenance; painting in the compound area; riding car inspection and maintenance; building track panels; cutting and drilling ties; cleaning the compound area; trash clean up and pick up;

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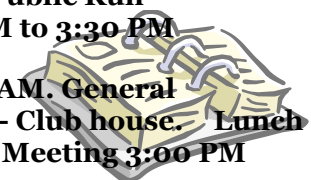
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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 5th. Sat.: Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house. Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00 PM

May 19th. - 20th.: Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

June 2nd.: Sat.: Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house. Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00 PM



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for life. Please be safe so you can come to my puppet show

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Many “thanks” to the April Birthday Party Volunteers.

Russ Green, Jack Young, Joe Hayes.

Safety Tips of the Month

- When fueling any engine - do not use your cell phone. An article from Shell Oil Company states there is enough energy to ignite the fumes.
When using our OCME or private equipment and you do not understand how to use it please ask before you use it. An example would be lifting a small engine or caboose by the roof. This may damage the roof and other parts of the car.
Please ask a member or guest first if they need help. They may or may not need nor want your help. This way you may not have to say “oop’s sorry.”
No matter how small the task, please wear your safety glasses. You only get two eyes

Lyons Club Fish Fry June 2, 2012

OCME will be supporting the Lyons Club during their annual Fish Fry by running our trains during their event. Dixon is coordinating this with one of their Board members. Dixon is also working to get them to return to Goat Hill Junction to serve food to our riders like they have done in the past.

We also may have a special run on the 4th of July holiday this year. We have a camp out planned.

May Work Weekend

We are planning a second work weekend for next month. The plan is to finish both Y’s and Higgins Loop. Bring the same equipment you would for running trains, ie, gloves, hat, whistles, radios, knee pads, and plenty of water. Plan on having a great potluck that Saturday night. We will be having the 1st annual “Pork and Beans” cook-off. So bring your best dish for our sampling and enjoy the evening. We need to make sure which ever way we run there is a breeze. Chuckles may be tasting also.

The plan is to finish all of the work by 3:00 PM so we can fire up steam and make a great potluck and have an evening run on our new track sections.

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track switch inspection and maintenance; track roadbed inspection and repair; replacement of switch P7; grass cutting.

The list is only a start of the things that we need to do. Many of you have more ideas for what you feel is necessary to do, and might have a project you want help with. Please come to the work day and tell us your ideas. Lunch will be served followed by the monthly membership meeting.



Bailey Maywald

My first introduction to trains was with Thomas the Tank Engine. I started with a small set but between Santa and Grandma I had quickly collected a fairly large set. Dad would set up Grandpa's Lionel set around the Christmas tree once a year and I never wanted to put it away after the holidays. One summer, we flew to Illinois and went to visit the Illinois Railroad Museum. My dad has been a member there since he was a kid. One day dad was telling mom that he wanted to buy a train. Little did she know what he was talking about! When we opened the large crate it had arrived in, she knew trains were going to be a permanent part of the family. We now have a SW 1500 modeled after the Belt Railway of Chicago. Since then, we have been members at OCME. When I was five years old my dad took me into a model train store. I couldn't stop looking at the detail of the HO scale trains. That following Christmas I got my first HO

model train. It was a Santa Fe freight train. I continue to model HO but I will always have an interest in Lionel. My favorite time period to model would be about 1940 to 1950. This was during the transition from steam to diesel and allows me to run both types of engines during that time period. So, as you can tell, I have always been into trains with my dad. Until recently, I didn't have anyone my own age to share my love of trains with until I met Nick Williams, who is also a member at OCME. He has become a brother to me as we share the same interests and personalities. Since I was already into HO, but had nowhere to take my trains, Nick introduced me to a HO club I had been there once before. I am now a junior member and go there frequently to run my trains. Whenever we are on a family vacation, mom is nice enough to let us have some kind of train involvement in it. We look for museums or rail fans along the way. I think that my sisters even like trains a little (even though they would never admit it). So as you can see, I have had trains around me from the time I was born and always will.



Bailey on a Conner Beam Engine at Bitter Creek