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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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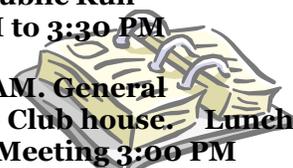
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May 5th. Sat.: Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house. Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00 PM
May 19th. - 20th.: Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM
June 2nd.: Sat.: Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house. Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00 PM



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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