



Attention on the Railroad

WANTED

One pair of used 7 1/2 gauge trucks with bolsters.
Must be serviceable and not worn out.
Would also consider a short riding car project complete
with trucks. Couplings not required.
Got cash, will pick up in the Southern California area.

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Upcoming Events

We are in need of engineers and conductors for April we will be doing a run at the Orange County Fairgrounds.

As Jim Jordan said at the dinner we need to make our presents known to all of Costa Mesa. We will also be having workshops for switches, track building, and ballasting in the next few months. Come out and learn a new trade.

There is a list of things to do on the clubhouse so when you come to a work day or any other day you come down if you have a few spare minutes do something on the list, sign off a project and let the time keeper know on your time card. I know in past work days sometimes the project of the day is not what you would prefer to do, do something else, check the list and do something you like. As we move forward we will add to this list.

Mark your calendars for March we will be doing annual boiler inspections we can use helpers as well as inspectors. Make sure if you have different thread sizes to bring adapters so we can test you the first time. We will be testing the boiler and the safeties. If you pass you will be given a brass tag to mount on your engine make sure you get this tag.

Any engine that is not tested may not run on OCME tracks until they pass the inspection. Please do not operate your equipment until it passes. We will have a makeup test the following Saturday if you cannot be here for our work day.

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Special Events

- ◆ Work Day
- ◆ Public Run Day's

Riders This Month

2900

WORK DAY

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Come to the work day
Feb.1st 2014

One of our newest members will present a new project. So come on out and find out what it is. Also I should have more info About the Youth Fair in April.

We will be building track panels and setting up for boiler tests and will need helpers. So come out and plan on having a nice day at the railroad

We have a new idea how about an Easter Egg hunt?

The Sunshine Academy may come out and help spread some mulch in the birthday siding and the camping areas and clear the right of way we have many tumbleweeds that need to be removed.

Dixon Sheldon

2013 O.C.M.E. Board of Directors

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 1

Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house Board Meeting 3:00

Feb 15-16

Sat. & Sun Public Run

Mar 1

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

Mar 15-16

Sat. & Sun Public Run

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY PRESIDENT JOE HAYES



Thank you for all your support for the past two months. I was too busy to write a column for the last newsletter, and I apologize for the lapse.

The club has received many compliments for our actions, both at the club and in the community. The "brave" souls that stuck it out at the Polar Express Run especially need to be complemented on the way the event was handled. Bad weather is always an issue during these winter months, and we try to work around a bad day, but this time we

worked through it, and the people we provided the party for were very grateful. They have already booked the Polar Express for 2014.

We have had a surge in membership applications, partly due to our extra exposure to the public. The Polar Express and Police parties generate membership applications, and this year the additional activities at City Hall brought in a lot of new potential members. A lot of new faces were present at the Club Annual Banquet, which I have been told, was a big success. Thank you to Hank, for doing a great job as the Emcee.

The status of our Use Agreement is under review by the Park's Advisory Committee and we need to make sure we follow the City's guidelines to the letter. Think twice before performing any actions that may result in a conflict with the city or groups that may be trying to influence the new Master Plan.

Many members need to review their knowledge of the railroad. New members have been asking questions, and getting answers that are not backed up with documentation. Case in point: There is supposed to be a check list and an inventory in the riding car of each club owned engines. This spot checked by several people through-out the year, but many members still don't know the lists exist. We have been working on a Policies and Procedures document to give a place where members can find pertinent information. Also to clarify how and why we operate the way we do.

Question of the day: "What is the purpose of railroad ties painted white on the OCME train layout?"

Sheldon's Corner



Well we had a great turnout at the Claim Jumper there were more people than in past years. Some of the people were singing with the music I brought. I guess I did something right. It was a great night most everyone got a gift to take home. The Polly's pies went to Larry's family and the Union Pacific shirt went to Stefani's husband he is the one that sent the termites running from our

store. We had music, wine, good food, good conversations, you could not ask for more. Thank you Betty, Hank, Joe, Dixon, Bob, and Russ for making this event special for all that attended. Several members were not able to make it Darrell was in the hospital, and others had other commitments.

Mark your calendars for next year.

Oh did you get your OSH calendars I did thank you Joe for finding them.

we tried a new idea we kept about 1000 feet between trains. With 4 trains running we were able to unload and load without waiting for another train in the station. During the day sometimes we did pile up but most of the time the station was empty. Thank you for doing this.

Dixon Sheldon

I've been working on the railroad

Ken Matassa*, Bob Brooks*, John young, Robert Cohen, Jason Cohen*, Russell Maguire*, Dean Zeeman, Dalton Johnson*, Berry Cummings, Anthony Steinmetz*, Carolyn Hayes*, Joe Hayes*, Jason Cohen, Lori Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Mark Tozer, Collin Westphal, Bob Harrison*, Kevin Engle, Eric Engle, Dixon Sheldon*, Jeff Sumners, Gary Kimble*, Lois Taube*, Paul Hammond*, Dan O'Brien, Stefanie Drake*, Christine Steinmetz*, Ray Hill, Juanita Matassa*, Lelani Vincent, Russ Green, Kevin Tolan, Jeff Tolan



*signifies both days

BIRTHDAY PARTY'S

Anyone who is a qualified engineer and or conductor please make yourself available for 1 Saturday every 6 months to help with these events. Please contact Hank Castignetti hanksterc@aol.com or call Dixon Sheldon 909-861-8810

The parties are 2 hours long morning and afternoon and plan on an additional 2 hours to setup and put away equipment and yes put out the trash. We are a smile factory, kids of all ages come to us and we do our best to send them off with a smile.

Thank you to our Birthday Party Crews

Mel Bresee, Jack Young, Dalton Johnson, Russ Maguire, Dean Zeeman, Hank Castignetti



Safety Tips from Chuckles



The weeds will be growing soon so watch the right of way and report any obstructions found along the rails. We will be mowing the sides of the track soon. The mower should be back from the repair shop. Make sure you have all of your safety gear any time you are here working, gloves, eye protection, whistle, radio, hat, sunscreen, and take plenty of water with you if you plan on working on the track.

Thank you Gary Sharp for the tamping machine we had Terry leading the crews and marking the bad spots, Andy, Mel, me, Mark, Jason, Jason's mom, Lori a bunch of us learned how to use the "Penguin" the first mark is 1/8" and is ok more than this

there is an issue. Terry made up special sticks to indicate where the track needed work the rest of us followed and made the repairs. This tamping machine made tamping a breeze.

Take time to be safe my dad was showing two members how to rebend the quicklinks that were stretched on the track. In rebending they had to have their fingers very close to the vise. Make sure if you are working around the shop tools to not pinch your fingers. Both members learned how to realign the links so they were good as new. A few more times rebending them and they will be able to show others this is where we teach 1 person and before long many others will learn.

My dad enjoys teaching how to repair bad links. Now if the persons who did not secure the links are reading this we would not have to make these repairs.

Happy steaming,
Chuckle's