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Special Events

- ◆ Work Day
- ◆ Public Run Day's

Riders This Month

2864

Weekend

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This run day and the last 30 days were moments to remember. The 4014 Big Boy left Los Angeles County Fair it resided here for the last 52 years. I remember sitting in the cab ringing the bell and whistle. Well in a few years it should be back on the rails and operating. Thanks to the Historical society that maintained it Union Pacific will return this engine in running condition for limited runs on the west coast after it is refitted. Several of our members were able to watch this engine roll out onto mainline tracks at one point it lifted off the temp tracks I was there. Lots of squeaks like we had at Snoopy House a little pull from the diesel and it was rolling towards Covina Ca.

Sunday at Goat Hill we had model T cars, and Time Warner filming here at the railroad. So make plans on being here next time.

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2014 O.C.M.E. Board of Directors

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Joe Hayes(310) 386-9662
- Dixon Sheldon.....(909)861-8810
- Ken Matassa..... (714)547-2093
- Dean Zeeman
- Bob Brooks..... (562) 429-8325

Appointed Officers: Mackerel Flats Mercantile Store Co-Mgrs:

- Betty Cummings..*82(714) 979-9390
- Janet Trom.....(714) 546-4721

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March 1
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house
Board Meeting 3:00

March 15-16
Sat. & Sun Public Run

April 4
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house.
Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00

April 19-20
Sat. & Sun Public Run



A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY PRESIDENT JOE HAYES

We have had a recent increase in membership interest, mainly from the increased exposure at City Hall. The public has been very responsive to our need for the use agreement renewal, and the Snoopy House operation created a lot of positive feedback to OCME. Many people have suggested that we need to increase our operations and efforts to be more visible. Some are indicating that OCME should expand the railroad to include new operations at other

venues, like the Costa Mesa Fair grounds and Fullerton Days. I would like to have more input from the membership on this matter, also we need to discuss the way we operate while the Advisory Committee formulates the new Park master Plan.

The priority schedule for replacing track with new panels has to be changed, due to the degraded nature of the track in the switch-back. We will replace panels in the switch-back down to the new siding, before we return to the area in the Water Tower Loop and Wye areas. Each work Saturday there will be fresh panels ready for installation, refer to the instructions on the club house white board for details.

It is time to prepare for the spring meet. There is a new committee working on the activities with Dixon. If you wish to participate, contact Dixon Sheldon.

We need more people to attend the meet than have shown up for the last several meets. Remember it is a social event also, and we need as many hosts as we can provide for visitors to interact with. The many little tasks associated with the meet require volunteers, but not a lot of effort or time. Please consider stopping by the club during the meet, if only to say hello to our visitors.

Sheldon's Corner



Well we are off to a great start this month we will be testing and certifying our Steam fleet. Last year I failed with one safety this is why we test each loco. I tried to have everyone check their diesels also last year but this did not happen. Weather you have steam or diesel, electric, etc. make sure to do an annual checkup this way everything should run smoothly.

We are gearing up for several events in April, the 11th -13th we will be at the OC fair. We need members to man the booth. We are planning on taking some displays to show the public how steam is used maybe Eric can show how his electric works. The second

event on Saturday April 19th of our run day the Annual Pump-In Darrell is planning on many fire engines, vendors, food, music boxes, etc. The third event April 24th-27th will be our Spring Meet Robert Cohen and Dixon will be hosting this event. So if you can support these events please sign up early if you can give the club 2 hours for each event we will have plenty of help.

Bob Harrison had a party on Saturday he had food for his entire party and fed our engineers and crews he even fed the girls from the local high school who were doing face painting. DJ and Dixon engineered his party train and we made many children happy for it.

We have another member who just joined Ernest Leep who has been modifying the transfer table so the lower tracks have stops on them on either end. He has done a great job on this project.

Dave Bowen is rebuilding the station wrought iron making it new plus adding extra supports for added safety.

Patrick Ledbetter is closing the electric engine project the engine is getting a new paint job, Batteries, Cab Roof, Motor Mount, Battery charger and lettering.

If you have not come to the club lately these and other projects are getting done. Thank you everyone for doing these projects and making this railroad a nicer place.

I've been working on the railroad

Ken Matassa*, Steve Trom*, Carolyn Hayes*, Joe Hayes*, Hank Castignetti*, Anthony Steinmetz*, Bob Brooks*, Chuck Trom, Larry Ogle*, Lori Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Eric Engle, Kevin Engle, Dalton Johnson*, Bob Harrison*, Bob Platfoot*, Don Pebley, Tony Burzio, Mike Nelson, Dixon Sheldon*, Paul Hammond, Dan Obrien, Ernie Leep*, Glenn Swain*, Gary Kimble*, Stefanie Drake*, Christine Steinmetz*, Lois Taube, Gary Sharp, Andy Romer.

*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

Jack Young, Mel Bresee, Mark Johnson, Bob Brooks, Dalton Johnson, Hank Castignetti



Safety Tips from Chuckles



When we operate for the public please think before you do something. The other day someone was in a hurry so rather than wait for a train to move out of the way they stepped over the train, they made it with no problem, however they showed the public wow wee can do this too. Not very cool.

So what are the white lines painted on the ties all over the route? These are the foul points if you have to leave your train and are near a

switch make sure your train is behind this line so if you are facing a switch you should be behind the white line. Now my dad does this and when he gets hurt I will be sorry do not pull the transfer table.

Here is a tip that will make training a bit easier, when putting away train cars make sure the couplers are open on the last car this way when you make up a train the couplers should close and lock saving you time, more time to operate.

If you were here earlier this month DJ brought in some of his famous Chili he won 4th place in the last event he entered thank you DJ.



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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.

Jack Young Bajajack@cox.net 949 388 5603

Upcoming Events



Boiler testing will be done on March 1st

Any engine that is not tested may not run on OCME tracks until they pass the inspection.

Upcoming events For April

- April 4th Work day prep for the Spring Meet
- April 11th-13th STEAM Youth Fair need volunteers, camping
- April 19th Pump-in
- April 20th Easter run day
- April 24th-27th Spring Meet Robert Cohen and Dixon Sheldon hosts. camping

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Our railroad is located in Fairview Park, 2480 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA.

If you have any for sale items please send the info to ocmenews@aol.com

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