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NEW LOCO

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Thank You Jim Contour for the Donation of your locomotive & riding car to OCME. The locomotive is now at the cub after it was overhauled.



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

Special Events

- Work Day
- Public Run Day's

Riders This Month

1789

Joe Hayes(310) 386-9662 Dixon Sheldon.....(909)861-8810 Ken Matassa......(714)547-2093 Russ Maguire

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Way Freight

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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May 3

Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house Board Meeting 3:00 May 17-18

Sat. & Sun Public Run

June 7

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

June 21-22

Sat. & Sun Public Run



A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY JOE HAYES

The Fire Truck event went well with many well satisfied families complementing our volunteers and the Fire Museum for its participation. The Easter Egg event at the stadium across the street did impact our parking by filling the parking lot beyond its capacity, but no major traffic issues were generated by the two crowds using the lot.

Track work is needed in many areas. When you read this you may have been trained during the Spring Meet to build track panels, ballast tracks and know the proper way to rerail a locomotive. Take this training and help build our railroad to maintain the best track in Orange County.

Sheldon's Corner

Well if you came to the Spring Meet and attended the classes and were able to watch Mike's presentation you are an informed person who can make a big impact on this railroad. Now you know the importance of ballasting and building track, also how to properly upright a locomotive. We are supposed to just have fun at the Spring Meet but we also were able to be trained on how to work on the rails. We are a good group of people and by training we will become better.

The reason for the training is this when we come to the work day and someone says we are planning on working on ballast, or track panels, or switches, you as a new member will know how and what we are doing.

Sheldon's Corner



When I was new and did not have the training and they said we are working on ballast I went home because I did not want to look like I did not know how to do the work. Well this reduced our work time by 7 hours. If I had known how and stayed I may have been able to not only help out but possibly help others who like me did not know how to ballast. If we are all trained then when we ask for help anyone can go out and help.

Gary Sharp took time Sunday to take out a mother who took the time to come

out with her son to show her she could run the engines just like her son and husband does. The only one left in the family is their daughter. The Cohen family is new members but has taken the time to get involved. So now if we need another engineer we can call on everyone in this family.

Patrick Ledbetter finished the rebuild of the loco that Jim Kontur donated to the club. It is bright Orange ask Dixon what color it is. Well I was able to operate it Sunday. It is quiet rolling down the track one new section on one of the y's was so well laid that it felt like we were floating. When the entire track has been converted we may need to do something to keep us awake. Patrick had many challenges during the repair of this loco. He took them in stride and produced another finished product he and OCME can be proud to own. This engine #214 will complement our fleet of engines. Thank you Patrick for your expertise on this project.

Everyone in this club helps each other and that is what this club is about and we should be proud of what we do for ourselves and the community.

I've been working on the railroad

Glenn Swain, Dixon Sheldon*, Andrew Romer, Dan O'Brien, Don Pebley, Tony Bruzio, Mike Nelson, Mike Springer, Chuck Trom, Donna O'Connor, Kevin O'Connor, Ken Matassa*, Hank Castignetti, Dalton Johnson*, Carolyn Hayes*, Joe Hayes*, Larry Ogle, Allen Stephens*, Steve Trom, Bob Brooks*, Bob Harrison, Gary Kimble*, Gary Sharp*, Betty Cummings*, Jerry Platfoot*, Anthony Steinmetz*, Christine Steinmetz*, Lory Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Dave Boern*, Russell Maguire, Terry Cummings*, Mel Bresee, Eric Engle, Kevin Engle, Jason Cohen*



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
Bryan Lacy, Mark Tozer, Larry Ogle, Russ Green, Dalton Johnson, Jack
Young, Dean Zeeman, Russ Maguire



Safety Tips from Chuckles



I was supposed to put on a puppet show at the STEAM Youth Fair but the wind blew my stage away twice. I had to demonstrate how not to hold onto a steam boiler it was just a display had it been under fire I might have been burnt. When working around steam loco's you need to be extra careful most of the engine is above 600 degrees. You can get a nasty burn ask my dad he can show you several spots on his body where steam or hot metal got him. Steam engines are fun to watch but be extra careful and do what the engine owner tells you to do.

My dad is working on new signal bridges and is planning on lighting them up if this happens we as engineers will have to learn how to watch the signals. This should make operations easier and provide an extra safety for train operations. Patrick Ledbetter has perfected an electric switch that will be installed soon. It is capable of working with the signal bridges. So we may have a smoother ride into the station on the right track.

When working around the trains and the rails especially during our run days take the extra second to think before you do. We tend to take the shortcut to save time and take chances during this process. The public may also see this as a chance to try their skills the result may be an injury. You know how my dad feels about anyone getting hurt so take the extra second and do the right thing.

Attention on the Railroad



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Upcoming Meets

April 25, 26, 27 Riverside Live Steamers

May 16, 17, 18 Sacramento Valley Live Steamers May 23, 24, 25 Los Angeles Live Steamers

June 21, 22 Golden Gate Live Steamers

August 8, 9, 10 Bitter Creek Western Railroad October 11, 12 Golden Gate Live Steamers

October 17 18, 19 Sacramento Valley Live Steamers

Summary & Upcoming Events

Summary of April 2014 meetings

It is a club operating rule that a child must be able to walk in order to ride the train. This rule may be waved for special needs children. Ken Matassa is looking into how we can best inform our ridership of this requirement. In the mean time all members must help the Gate keeper at the station. The board voted to purchase 2 gondolas from Mountain Car and 2 sets of trucks from Real Trains. The membership had a lengthy discussion about the engine donated to the club. It was decided to solicit one of the club members to be a project leader and determine if the club should repair and sell the engine or sell it as is. If you would like to take this project on please contact a board member. The club had a lengthy discussion about security that included: Should we look at hardening the compound perimeter fence? What type of lighting should we have? What type of electronic sensors should we employ? What are we trying to protect: store, compound, bridge? We also noted that this is a public park and people are free to come and go in the park and enjoy its use. The club is going to develop a set of requirements and then put them out for bids.

◆ Apr. 2014	~ May 2014 ~					Jun 2014 ▶	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3 Meeting / WorkDay (Replace Track Panels)	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 PUBLIC RIDES	
18 PUBLIC RIDES	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29 Lion's Club Fish Fry	30 Lion's Club Fish Fry	31 Lion's Club Fish Fry	

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

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