



## Attention on the Railroad

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On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July the park advisory committee will be discussing this part of the park so if you can come out and support the railroad please do. Check the cities calendar for the latest info and where it will be held.

We're on the Web!  
[www.ocmetrains.org](http://www.ocmetrains.org)

## Board Meeting Summary

In the general meeting we discussed the donated Santa Fe locomotive. Dalton Johnson is evaluating its status and will report back to the club. Also several members said that they still use the steam bay pit work area and so this will remain as it now is. This is an asset that we probably could not replace in the future.

In the board meeting it was noted that the new lawn mower's price was \$750 not \$1050 as reported last month. Due to the expense of printing new by-laws to reflect the changes voted on at the Spring Meet Bob Brooks will mark up the existing copies and they can be distributed at the Fall Meet. The electronic master copy will be updated to reflect the changes. Bob Harrison stated that the club web site is up and ready for information to be posted. Russ Maguire has generated a detailed discussion for upgrading the compound fence. He is getting quotes from vendors. When the birthday siding and bridge electricity is shut off in the compound it also shuts off electricity in part of the compound. Dixon said he will ask Glenn Swain to modify the panel to isolate the compound from the other circuit. Diane Hill's neighborhood group will have a picnic at Goat Hill on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We will give them a tour of the compound at that time. Please support the club on this weekend. Hopefully she will have a good turnout. Tess Bernstein is obtaining quotes for a new OCME flag. She is also making a display of Goat Hill history. I'm sure she would appreciate any pictures, etc. that members may have that show the early days of the club. The club needs someone to take over responsibility for updating the club's Face Book page. Contact a board member if you are interested. An individual has expressed interest in building two new signal bridges for the club. They would have steel uprights and aluminum horizontal pieces. It was noted that the steel and aluminum would need to be isolated from each other to prevent corrosion. The club would provide the material and the labor would be free. We would need a material list and price before doing this.

The following motion was passed by the board after much discussion:

**Clubs position is that Snoopy House participation is to be limited to a static display for safety purposes. The tight radius for last year's and even tighter radius proposed for this year's Snoopy House are not appropriate for the equipment OCME operates.**

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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](mailto:ocmenews@aol.com)**

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### Special Events

- ◆ Work Day
- ◆ Public Run Day's

### Riders This Month

## Good Times

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Today Sunday we had a slow afternoon yesterday was nonstop we had a line beyond the fence. Today only half that amount. We had one derail on Sunday after my handy work and Mark Johnson helped me out. Dj found a section of track that needed attention. Some of the ties were beyond good use. The first train went on the ground so we rerouted all trains and the rest of the day went well.

Well almost I had gone down to get another loco out. We Jason, Mark, and myself got out my conductor car planning on playing Beach Boys songs because of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Surf city in Huntington Beach

Fired up the radio and we had the music blaring. As we came into the station the radio stopped working. We found out the battery had stopped working so we put it on the charger. Then we were off to the races.

We also had some other members bring the private equipment Paul Hammond brought out his oil car and his 1500. It was nice to see all of the different trains we were showing off. Michael was playing with his band. Betty and her staff were working the store What a show we put on. We made many guests of our guests leave with a smile. Thanks goes out to every member who contributes to our railroad. Whether you are at home doing projects or out at the track. It takes all of us to pull this off so hats off to everyone.

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### July 5

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

#### July 19-20

Sat. & Sun Public Run

#### Aug 5

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

#### Aug 19-20

Sat. & Sun Public Run

Joe Hayes .....(310) 386-9662  
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Ken Matassa..... (714)547-2093  
Russ Maguire  
Bob Brooks..... (562) 429-8325

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### A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY JOE HAYES



Hank is planning on a nice dinner in July on the fourth an rsvp is required so he knows how many rum balls to prepare. DJ has promised, well conned his dad into making Fire House Clam Chowder. Last time his Dad prepared salsa the only thing that was left in the large container was the serving spoon DJ's family are good cooks. So if you can make it let Hank know and plan on a good time on the railroad.

Carroll and I were at the railroad last year at night, there were fireworks everywhere you looked. So come out and have a nice day and evening. Dixon Sheldon

#### June Work Day Track Progress

Ten panels and a switch were installed on the main line around Plattfoot Yard. Much more needs to be done on the following work days. The members who worked so hard and did such a good job were Lori and Mark Johnson, Christine and Anthony Steinmetz, Larry Ogle, Myron Peterson, Ken Matassa, Eric and Kevin Engle, Russ Maguire, Gary Sharp, Dalton Johnson, Erin and Robert and Luke Elliot, Mel Bresee, and Hank Castignetti. Thanks to all for such a great effort. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. The next Saturday Hank Castignetti and Larry Ogle and Larry's nephew Bob put in 6 panels by themselves. Thank you so very much. Please come out and help next work day. If we are to replace the Main line track the club needs to replace about 1.5 miles of track. At 200 feet a month it will take about 36 months. This would be optimistic. This is a long term project that all members need to support. Bob Brooks

#### THE PRESIDENTS ARTICAL WAS NOT RECIEVED

### Sheldon's Corner



We all have different levels of training some know most some know very little. If we work as a club one on one we can train those who need some help and they then can train someone else and so on.

Last Saturday during the work day I asked Anthony if he could assemble track panels he said he did not know how. Mark showed him how and they were turning out curved panels faster than I could supply the parts. As a team we can accomplish many tasks. Their moms were doing the straight panels and they too were very busy we finished all the panels for that day and several extra for the

next section. Now I tried my hand at this it took me more than a half an hour to turn out 1 panel. See as a team we can do much as an individual it takes allot longer.

Saturday we had a new member bending rail, others assembling panels, installing switches, track, leveling, ballasting, and all of the things required to maintain the tracks. Thank you all for coming out and working on the railroad. We only did a small portion of the layout but we have the satisfaction that it will last more than 50 years and we can move on to the next section Mark was able to show Craig how to assemble the panels, Mark is a junior member Craig is over 60 so no matter how young or old you are if you can train someone then 2 of you know how to do it. Good job all of you gandy dancers. The next section will be done on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July on the work day we may get a head start and we are planning on a campout that same weekend for Hanks party and the work weekend.

### I've been working on the railroad

Ken Matassa\*, Dalton Johnson\*, Bob Platfoot\*, Larry Ogle\*, Robert Cohen\*, Jason Cohen\*, Jerry Platfoot\*, Russell Maguire\*, Dean Zeeman\*, Bob Brooks\*, Anthony Steinmetz, Christine Steinmetz, Mark Johnson\*, Lori Johnson\*, Betty Cummings\*, Kevin Engle, Don Pebley, Mike Nelson, Tony Burzio, Dixon Sheldon\*, Carolyn Hayes\*, Joe Hayed\*, Paul Hammond\*, Gary Kimble\*, Stefanie Drake\*, Lois Taube, Steve Trom, Donna O' Connor, Kevin O' Connor, Brian Lacy\* & Craig Okun\*



### 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](mailto: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**



### Safety Tips from Chuckles



I am finding it hard to write new things not to do most of you railroaders are doing a great job as far as safety goes. I have a few suggestions not necessarily safety items but some things that will make your day go better.

When relocking fuel container lock make sure the numbers line up not upside down, we sometimes forget and the next person talks about us.

Towards the end of the day if you see a barn not locked lock it several times when locking up and setting the alarm we find barns that are not locked each one of us would like to go home after the Job is done

If you have time around 3 pm go up and help the birthday crew with the trash. There are spare bags in each barrel and if not they are in the storeroom. Doing this will help out the birthday crews. We need more people to step up and run birthday parties. The birthdays bring in a big portion of our donations

Make sure everything lines up before loading and unloading the transfer table putting something on the ground takes extra time away from running.

Watch the spring clips on our riding cars Terry has taken allot of time and effort in painting the white line on each truck so watch as the trains are in the station and when leaving the yards.