



## Attention on the Railroad

### FALL MEET DINNER REMINDER AND CORRECTION

The Fall meet Dinner price is **\$20.00** NOT \$22.00

If you have not sent in your Dinner reservations please do so ASAP they need to be in by September 16th.

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## Board Meeting Summary

### Summary of the General and Board Meetings on 2 Aug. 2014

A lively discussion was held concerning the Costa Mesa FPACC meeting on Wed. 2 Aug. 2014. The net result seems to be that the committee has a lot to review and some things will probably be carried over to the next phase of review. The club's future plans are consistent with the Fair View Park Master Plan and were approved by the Park Commission a couple of years ago.

Gary Kimble is co-chair of the Fall Meet. Please contact Gary with ideas for the meet and to volunteer. A good meet requires lots of people to help out.

The Pumpkin Festival is coming up soon and members are needed to run trains. We would also like the club to make a scarecrow and enter the Scarecrow contest. Please contact Dixon if you would like to scare someone with a scarecrow. We also want to build a caboose for the festival. If you would like to join this effort contact Dixon. Our junior members have come up with sketches for the caboose.

The compound perimeter fence is being upgraded this week. The cost is being covered by the many donations that the community has made to the club.

If you have receipts to contribute to the OCME cook book they must be in by 15 Aug. 2014.

Many years ago we had a soft water system for the steam engines to use. Andy Romer has taken on the responsibility of investigating the effort and cost for either repairing/upgrading our old system or getting a new one. If you have good input talk to Andy.

Many of you have noticed the potholes in our entrance driveway. We think we can fill some of them with our gravel.  
Bob Brooks

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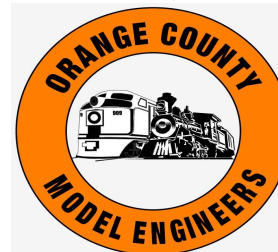
Our railroad is located in Fairview Park, 2480 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA.

**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

**2552**

## Track

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About 320 feet of track was installed this month. This completes the mainline from switch 5.53 to the bridge. On Wednesday Ray Hill, Craig Okun, Hank Castignetti, Bob Osborn, Myron Peterson, Ernie Leep, Dixon Sheldon, and Bob Brooks installed the switch and crossover at the bridge.

On Saturday Mel Bresee, Terry Cummings, Larry Ogle, Gary Sharp, Mike Springer, Lori Johnson, Mark Johnson, Mike Swain, Bob Plattfoot, Dalton Johnson, Andy Romer, Criag Okun, Hank Castignetti, Myron Peterson, Ernie Leep, Dixon Sheldon, and Bob Brooks laid 280 feet of track to complete the job. The preparation work performed by Hank Castignetti really made things go quicker.

The next phase will be to replace the track from near the top of the horse shoe to the bridge. This will be about 600 feet including two right hand switches and a left hand switch. We are teaching a lot of members how to properly lay track so come on out and learn.

**Bob Brooks**

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

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

##### Sept 6

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

##### Sept 20-21

Sat. & Sun Public Run  
Sept 25-28 Fall Meet  
Oct 4-5

Pumpkin / Scarecrow Festival  
Oct 11

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

##### Oct 18-19

Sat. & Sun Public Run

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

#### Appointed Officers:

**Mackerel Flats Mercantile Store Co-Mgrs:**

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Janet Trom.....(714) 546-4721

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Patrick Ledbetter ocmenews@aol.com

### A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY JOE HAYES

#### THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE WAS NOT RECIEVED



We are busy every weekend adding new track panels grooming them and ballasting we have gone from the grade crossing to the bridge. This section is almost finished. The new & now well used flat cars are loaded for the next section of track to be replaced. They are bright orange and have been a life saver they are long enough so the tracks do not extend beyond the end of the

cars. Thank you Patrick Ledbetter for the building the track cars and the new gondolas for the 214. Are work trains are getting longer but we are making less trips back to the compound for supplies. Gary Sharp's tamping car is making ballasting much quicker and the ballasting work is much improved over the hand tamping. Thank you all of the track crews for a job well done.

- The switch crew are working on building up our supplies to make more switches, Thank you Bob Osborne, Pete Myron
- We are working on a new idea to cover the holes in the loading platform we removed a ball that was wedged for several years.
- We are getting close to finishing the caboose kit for our younger members to assemble. We have several wood working members who will assist. Gary Dutra or Ray Hill
- Russ McGuire has completed the fencing repairs and Glenn Swaine is close to finishing the lighting repair. Both of these items will improve our compound.
- We still need volunteer's for the Fall meet and the Scarecrow/Pumpkin festival. Please sign up ahead of time.

We need a scarecrow to be built this month for the festival last year we did not have one IF you want to make several let me know. Maybe we could have an engineer and conductor.

Dixon

### Sheldon's Corner



The OCME Cookbook is just about finished up. If you have not sent in your favorite recipe do it soon. Chuckle's famous Rumballs will be in there along with the Bark. So make sure to get yours in for us all to enjoy.

We are closing in on another year we have made many improvements to our railroad and all of your ideas have helped us.

We have a Facebook page and website so if you want to put something in on either one check with the webmaster Bob Harrison or Hank Castinetti for the Facebook.

IF you want to sell, buy or comment on something for the Way Freigt send it to Patrick Ledbetter our news guy.

The Scarecrow/Pumpkin festival is going to be bigger and better than before Tess is working on some new vendors and new ideas.

Our track crews are making headway and the new tracks are so smooth to ride on no more jerking like the older methods. Granted the original tracks are almost 25 years old. We have made many improvements on building and placing track. The new panels should last about 50 years. I will not last that long.

Dixon

### I've been working on the railroad

Ken Matassa\*, Derek Marsden, Claire Marsden, Robert Marsden, Bob Fackiner, Jim Marsden, Anthony Steinmetz\*, Christine Steinmetz\*, Mel Bresee, Robert Cohen\*, Jason Cohen\*, Lary Ogle\*, Gary Kimble, Mark Johnson, Lori Johnson, Crain Okun\*, Betty Cummings\*, Russell Maguire\*, Joe Hayes\*, Carolyn Hayes\*, Dalton Johnson\*, Bob Harrison, Terry Cummings, Dixon Sheldon\*, Don Pebley, Mike Nelson, Tony Burzio, Gary Sharp\*, Ernest Leep, Andrew Romer, Stefanie Drake, Glenn Swain\*, Lois Taube, Donna O'Connor, Kevin O'Connor, Dean Zeeman, Jeff Sumners



### 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

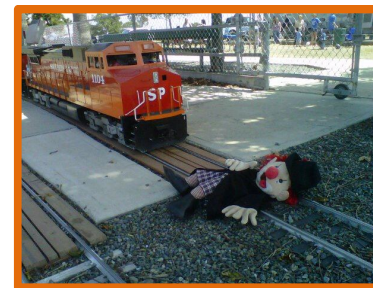
The parties are 2 hours long morning and afternoon and plan on an additional 2 hours to setup and put away equipment and yes put out the trash. We are a smile factory, kids of all ages come to us and we do our best to send them off with a smile.

#### Thank you to our Birthday Party Crews

Russ Green, Dixon Sheldon, Dalton Johnson, Dean Zeeman, Russ Maguire, Hank Castignetti, Anthony Stienmetz, Jack Young, Bob Brooks



### Safety Tips from Chuckles



When loading passengers on our trains here are several things to watch for.

- Make sure they do not sit on the ends of the cars (the wooden parts)
- Make sure they do not place their feet into the next car.
- Try to balance the load in each car
- Make sure the last person in the last car is an adult not a child
- Rather than yelling at our passengers when they are photographing on the track just walk up and say "when you are finished taking your shot" we will continue the trip this usually works.
- When you travel thru Platfoot yard the slower the better

- When using the transfer table did you know what the little hole in the bridge is for, yep the pin will fit just perfectly and will align the bridge to the transfer table.

We will be sprucing up the compound and Platfoot yards in the next few weeks for upcoming events. If you see a situation please let a board member know so we can resolve the issue. All of us working together is what the club is all about. Safety First !!!