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Special Events

- ◆ Work Day
- ◆ Public Run Day's

Riders This Month

2698

Track

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This month the track from the bridge to the switch at the "Y" leading to the horse shoe was replaced. This included the crossover switch and the crossover track. The next phase will replace the switch at the "Y" and the track leading toward the water tower. We could have used more help this month. I think Labor day cut into people's availability.

The work was accomplished by Andy Romer, Tony Burisio, Hank Castignetti, Bob Osborn, Myron Peterson, Graig Okun, Lorie Johnson, Mark Johnson, Gary Kimble, Dalton Johnson, Bob Brooks, and Dixon Sheldon. A great big thanks to these folks for getting the track ready for the fall meet and run weekend.

BOB BROOKS

Our Resident Band

Michael has been playing for us since the break-in and he has had visitors play for us as well. Several have played for bands we know so when you pass by check out the extra players you may recognize them.

Dixon

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 11**
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house
Board Meeting 3:00
- OCT 18-19**
Sat. & Sun Public Run
- Nov 1**
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house,
Lunch at meeting, Board Meeting 3:00
- Nov 15-16**
Sat. & Sun Public Run
- Dec 6**
Polar Express

A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY JOE HAYES

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE WAS NOT RECIEVED AGAIN



Mark your calendars for the rest of this year we will be busy we can use all of the help we can get to work on the track. We have already replaced hundred's of feet of new panels and have many to go. As we complete each section you as an engineer and or conductor will feel how smooth the new tracks are. When we have completed this project everyone who has had a chance to work on the track will be able to say we have a great track and I helped get it there.

Every time we travel over the west wye it is so smooth and I think when the rest of our railroad is done how nice it will be. In the beginning when they, the members most of them are gone built the railroad they did not have an electric bender, nor precut ties, and special screws to attach the rails to the ties. We can see their handy work as we remove it. However we have ridden on this track for over 26 years. We have given over a million rides to our passengers. So if you can take the time come out and help with the track building. For the most part building the panels or switches you will probably not work up a sweat. If you get stuck on the track well oh well. But with the new equipment that our members have designed assembly of the track is much improved. So come out and help on the railroad and make our track a better place to ride the rails.

Dixon

Sheldon's Corner



I have seen several members who just come out for the rides and stand in line. As members you do not have to stand in line just enter at the exit and board the train after the other passengers have exited. However if you are coming out anyway why not become engineers and or conductors and join in on the fun. We need members both days but mostly on Sundays.

Anyone who is new to our club please take the conductor classes. We need you to know how to run the trains and for the most part it is fun to do. We have made many improvements to the railroad to make your job easier.

We will be starting assembly of our new caboose during the fall meet. Any member who has children in the club please allow them to help in the building of this project. The project will probably take several months to complete.

We had several situations with the track this weekend if you have time please come out and help us with the replacement of the main line tracks and the repairs of the rest of the tracks. We can teach you to make simple repairs and afterwards you can be satisfied that you were working on the railroad and made it better for our passengers.

Dixon

I've been working on the railroad

Jerry Platfoot*, Allen Stephens*, Larry Ogle, Anthony Steinmetz, Christine Steinmetz*, Craig Okun*, Mark Johnson*, Lori Johnson*, Ken Matassa*, Carolyn Hayes*, Bob Harrison, Gary Sharp*, Russell Maguire*, Dean Zeeman*, Dalton Johnson*, Dan O'Brien, Paul Hammond*, Gary Kimble*, Dixon Sheldon*, Glenn Swain*, Bob Platfoot*, Mike Springer, Eric Engle, Lori Tolan



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, Bob Harrison, Dean Zeeman, Russ Maguire, Hank Castignetti, Mark Johnson, Dalton Johnson, Gary Kimble, Craig Okun



Safety Tips from Chuckles

We now have the new rerailers that Dan O'Brien makes. Today I saw Mark Johnson lifting an engine with the railer good job Mark. This device has been used many times and provides a safe way to rerail our equipment. I want to thank all our crews on how well you are rerailing our equipment. We are taking the time to do it right and protecting our equipment, both private and the clubs.

One thing was noticed today when you bring up the trains from the yard you need a conductor and engineer. There should be a senior engineer so if an engine were to come off the track you could rerail it. I know you go slow but we need to stress we need 2 people per train



Also conductors you need to keep an eye on your passengers I caught several passengers today with the phones, and feet dragging. Both items are not good for our railroad.

One more thing to stress when putting away equipment take an extra minute to check the alignment of our bridges. When you do not do this it ties up the time it takes to put equipment away and makes other engineers and conductors wait longer because you were in a hurry. My dad has done this several times once with SweetCreek it took an hour and help from 2 other members to get it back on track. Once again Dan's railer did the job. Thank you Dan for the great product.



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Attention on the Railroad

POLAR EXPRESS RETURNS TO GOAT HILL

Once again we have the opportunity to make a lot of people happy. Polar Express is again being sponsored by Weichman Realty of Costa Mesa. This year, the event will on Saturday, December 6 for a period of two hours starting at either 10:00 AM or 11:00 AM. Since the Costa Mesa Police Department is not booked, set up and take down will be a little less stressful.

This is a major event and we need all hands to meet our commitment. Private trains are requested. Steam power is especially important as a steam powered train was featured in the movie. And we need crews for all five of the club trains. **Terry Cummings**

Board Meeting Summary

Summary of the General and Board meetings on 6 September 2014

A discussion of the fall meet was held. Please volunteer to help out. You don't have to work all three days. We want to have fun also. We want to thank Ruby's for their generous support to the fall meet. Tess Bernstein gave an update on the Scarecrow and pumpkin festival. She stated that there is lots of interest. Anyone who can help by making a scarecrow for OCME is asked to step forward.

A lively discussion was held about the maintenance of club equipment. If any member finds a problem with club equipment be sure and red tag it and make a note on the white board at the club house door. The net result is that before doing anything to club equipment please be sure and check with a board member first.

Andy Romer is the lead person on upgrading the water treatment for steam engine water. See him for any details.

First Team Real Estate is conducting a fund raiser and donating all funds to the club. They will take care of all advertizing, ticket sales, Food sales, 50/50 drawing, 25 cent lollipop pull, Balloon artist, and interfacing with the city. The event will be held in conjunction with OCME run day on Saturday 18 October 2014.

The board approved purchase of 4000 ft. of both steel and aluminum rail. This will keep us busy replacing mainline track for a couple of years. Please continue to support this effort. We must have sound track to have a fist class railroad.

Nominations for the board are needed by the general meeting in November. Please clear any nominations with the nominee as we don't want members to be surprised and unwilling to run. There are two positions

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