



Attention on the Railroad

YOUR 2015 OCME MEMBERSHIP FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS MONTHS WAY FREIGHT

PLEASE RETURN YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BY JAN 31 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW ROSTER

Board Meeting Summary

The club had a very successful month as far as activities and the run weekend were concerned. The fund raising event conducted by First Team Realty was a huge success. The public enjoyed all the activities, silent auction, food sales, 50/50 drawing, lollipop pull, and the balloon artist. Mary Ann Cardullo, Branch Manager - Huntington Beach, First Team Realty presented the club with a check for \$2000. Once a year, First Team Realty raises funds for a local non-profit organization. This year they chose OCME. Their staff provided all the support and they purchased all the food, drinks, gifts, etc. and all the proceeds came to OCME. This type of event did not impact the club's ability to conduct our run day train rides. In fact it added a lot of enjoyment to the public's time spent at the station. The club really thanks First Team Realty for their generous support to OCME.

The club met with the city this month and discussed the improvements needed at our entrance gate. The club spread some gravel in holes at the entrance. Unfortunately some of the gravel is knocked onto the side walk by cars entering and leaving the entrance. The club has agreed to sweep the gravel back off the sidewalk and street. Due to the ongoing Fair View Park Master Plan review no improvement can be made at the gate at this time.

Last run weekend we monitored the children riding our trains and settled on a height of 31 inches as a requirement for children to ride the train. The children must also walk to the train by themselves in order to ride. Ken Matassa will construct two signs that convey this to the parents of the children. This procedure is used at most theme parks and will enhance our member's ability to control which children are eligible to ride.

The club can't function without a properly elected board. At the present time there is only one nomination for the two board positions open. Please support the club by running for the board. If you have never been a board member you need to consider this as an opportunity to contribute to the club. Paying dues and riding trains is not our only obligation. We need to **actively** contribute to maintaining the Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad as a **First Class Railroad**.

BOB BROOKS

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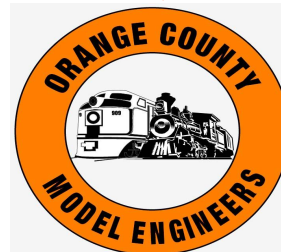
Our railroad is located in Fairview Park, 2480 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA.

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

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Special Events

- ◆ Work Day
- ◆ Public Run Day's

Riders This Month

2317

Track

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Track work in November made good progress on completing the horse shoe. Future work will consist of laying new track and dropping in two switches on the "Y" leading from the bridge to the horse shoe. The switches that are built by Bob Osborn and Myron Peterson are the envy of those who attend our meets. They are built to last and provide a very smooth ride when transitioning to another track. The members who laid track this month were Andy Romer, David and Reed Simmons, Craig Okun, Mark Johnson, Dalton Johnson, Bob Brooks, Gary Sharp, and the girls from the Sunshine Academy. David and Reed Simmons are new members and they jumped in and soon were laying track like old timers. Good workers having a good time working on the railroad. You all have no doubt seen the piles of new track sections in the compound. Craig Okun can train you on how to use the rail bender. Yes each rail must be bent to specification. He can also show you how to use the track jig to assemble panels. Please see Craig Okun to learn how these important tasks are performed. One person can't do all the work themselves. Come out and contribute to the railroad.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 6

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

Dec 20-21

Sat. & Sun Public Run
Jan 10

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

Jan 17-18

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

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

Way Freight

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY JOE HAYES



We have had another good year. Except for the break-in. Thanks' to Diane Hill she came to our rescue and because of her efforts we have been able to secure the compound and it is now well lighted again.

Michael is one of the people we got because of the break-in he has been to the club every run day and the Scarecrow/ Pumpkin festival. He has great musicians' and he does a great job of entertaining our guests. If you want more

info check our website.

The students from the Sunshine Academy have made many improvements to the railroad many tumble weeds have bit the dust. The local high schools have helped out during many events, with face painting, and other chores such as grade crossings, helping other vendors. Our store has provided us with that special donut if you come early enough. Betty and her crew always have hot coffee, water, sodas, and other goodies.

All of our support teams, the track crews, newspaper, engine and car repairs, and all of our conductors, and engineers. The others that are in the background doing the odd jobs that keep us operating fixing track on the fly, the machinists who are repairing our signal bridges, the trestles, our special cars and picking up trash. Everyone thank you for all of your efforts. I hope you have a nice holiday and we will see you next year on the rails.

DIXON SHELDON

Sheldon's Corner



We have been through allot this year. We are making progress on the track replacement thanks to our crews. We are busy training our train, tractor, track building crews. Our hope is the train crews we can groom some to do the birthday parties this is a special job which requires a special talent. I think it's the most rewarding job we do. I have done many birthday parties I did the one for DJ, and now he is doing birthday parties for other children. So what

goes around comes around.

Hank is stepping down as our leader for birthdays and Larry is picking up the reins. Please support both of these gentlemen. They provide a much needed function on the railroad. With the support of the rest of our members we do a great job of putting smiles on the children of Costa Mesa and this is priceless . **DIXON**



I've been working on the railroad

Jerry Platfoot, Ken Matassa*, Russell Maguire*, Dean Zeeman*, Craig Okun*, Bob Brooks*, Collin Westphal, Jason Cohen*, Mark Johnson*, Glenn Swain*, Eric Engle, Kecin Engle, David Simmons, Reed Simmons, Robert Cohen, Gary Kimble, Anthony Steinmetz*, Christine Steinmetz*, Lori Johnson*, Paul Hammond*, Joe Hayes*, Carolyn Hayes*, Bob Platfoot*, Betty Cummings*, Stefanie Drake*, Larry Ogle, Dixon Sheldon*, Dalton Johnson, mike Springer, Donna O' Connor, Kevin O'Connor, Reed Simmons, David Simmons



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



Tips from Chuckles



Glenn has added a switch to the 1104, 509. Now when you fuel these engines you do not have to pull a fuse. Thank you Glenn.

Patrick has made repairs to the 214 and added a safety switch so it should not leave without you.

Jason added stripes for engine stopping at the station.

The Plum Cove is sick and is in for some costly repairs. If you are using this engine please haul 1 additional car with passengers. It does not have enough power for any other load. When working on the railroad please use all of your safety gear.