



Attention on the Railroad

Junior Member Caboose Kit

Junior Members please come and help during the February, March, and April Saturday Work Days to assemble the new kit caboose

THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST OCME WAY FREIGHT IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2015 DUES ASAP

Board Meeting Summary

The used rail from track replacement is being sorted and stored behind the club house. Please don't mix up the piles as Russ Maguire has sorted them. The club Christmas run weekend was a great success. Santa Clause was a big hit—thanks a lot Dixon. Thanks to Terry and Betty Cummings for donating the ink and paper for the photographs. The club netted about \$1050 from the pictures. For those of you who didn't know, Terry Cummings and Dr. Mehren have done a great job serving on the Fairview Park Citizens Advisory Committee. We owe them a great big thank you. The boiler inspection is going to be held in March. Look for the exact date. The election ballots were counted and Paul Hammond and Bob Brooks were elected to the board.

Scare Crow committee was under their budget. Costa Mesa Foundation is donating money to OCME per a conversation with Lee Lowe one of their officers. The club will also accept the wind mill that the foundation wants to donate to the club.

The club is offering to sell donated aluminum rail to club members. There are 119 ten foot lengths. The rail is 15/16ths inch tall. The rail head is 5/16ths inch wide. The rail foot is 3/4ths inch wide. This is new rail. See a club board member.

The club is offering for sale to club members the useless scrap aluminum rail that has been salvaged as a result of replacing worn out track. The club is saving the used aluminum rail that can be used by the club and storing it in a club container. Russ Maguire is sorting the rail and the useless rail will be stored by the chain link fence behind the club house. Members are not to take any useless aluminum rail unless the club has authorized a sale. See a board member.

OCME voted to ask Patrick Ledbetter to fix the Plumb Cove

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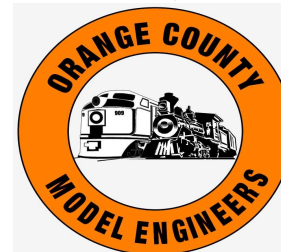
If you have any for sale items please send the info to ocmenews@aol.com

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Special Events

- ◆ Work Day
- ◆ Public Run Day's

Riders This Month

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What's Happening

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Jason Cohen was using a nice radio I asked about it and found it works better than the one's I have purchased for the last 10 years. I purchased one and they do perform much better. If you need a radio talk to him and get a good device.

Speaking of performing Michael Donahue has been bringing his bandwagon out for each of our run days and plays for us he has local band players come by and practice for us one of them last month was Darnell Wyrick he was playing a saxophone. Last month Santa made an appearance also.

We are making progress on track laying we are past the bridge and are coming round the bend. As we train more people to do track laying it will move faster. So if you are able to come to our work days plan to make a difference. We have had many members do many things to improve the tracks, a new bender, tamping machine, groomer, old track removing tools, and more, all of these require training. As you are qualified you will be given a card that will note you have been trained.

2015 O.C.M.E. Board of Directors

DATES TO REMEMBER

Bob Brooks(562) 429-8325
Dixon Sheldon.....(909)861-8810
Ken Matassa..... (714)547-2093
Russ Maguire.....(562)799-0052
Paul Hammond.....(818)620-3480

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Stefanie Drake(714) 315-6296

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Patrick Ledbetter ocmenews@aol.com

Feb 7th
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house
Board Meeting 3:00

Feb 14-15
Sat. & Sun Public Run
March 7th
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house.
Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00

March 14-15
Sat. & Sun Public Run



A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY Bob Brooks

The election of officers for 2015 has been completed and the officers are: President – Bob Brooks, Secretary- Paul Hammond. Russ Maguire will remain as Treasurer, Dixon Sheldon will remain as Vice President of Operations, and Ken Matassa will remain as Vice President of Facilities.

The schedule for 2015 is as follows: Spring Meet – May 6th through May 8th; Fire Truck Pump-In – April 19th; Scare Crow Pumpkin Festival – will coincide with the October run weekend- October 17th and 18th; Fall Meet- consult with the general membership, get a chairmen, then pick a date; Support the Costa Mesa Lions Club Fish Fry – consult with the city; Weichman Polar Express – 5th December 2015; New Port Beach Family Day – 12th December 2015. Public Run Days are the 3rd Saturday and following Sunday of the month. Work Days are the first Saturday of the month: Except for July 4th It will be July 11th; and September 5th It will be September 12th.

Bob Brooks

Sheldon's Corner



We have many projects that are going on and many more planned. Here are a few. The Junior Member Caboose project will start this month. Gary Dutra will be educating our younger members on how to use the proper glue, and clamping methods to assemble the caboose. We will have the signal bridge back soon. We have a tow vehicle for our switches. The 214 is back it requires two hands to operate it Dixon will have a safety class this month on it. So if you do not know about these then come down to the track and find

out what you are missing.

I plan on putting up a list of things to be done at the railroad so if you come down and do not want to work on the project of the day then you can do something else. All projects big and small help us to make the operations run better.

We are planning on taking each club engine and overhaul it some may need a paint job others may need additional work. So if you have the talent and the time come on down.

The cadets will be here on the 14th so please bring garden tools for them to use.

We will be setting up refresher classes for all of our equipment when you pass you will be able to carry a card showing your qualifications on each piece of equipment. I know your wallet is already full!!

So we have many things going on so make the time to come out and work on our railroad.

I've been working on the railroad

Ken Matassa*, Mark Johnson*, Lori Johnson*, Jeff Garrett, Nick Hanrahan, Steve Hanrahan, Gary Sharp*, Bob Brooks*, Collin Westphal, Russell Maguire*, Dean Zeeman*, Hank Castignetti*, Craig Okun*, Joey Hayes*, Carolyn Hayes*, Eric Engle, Kevin Engle, Dalton Johnson, Paul Hammond*, Dixon Sheldon*, Gary Kimble*, Jason Cohen, Robert Cohen, Jeff Sumners, George Shearer, Stefanie Drake*, John Manning, Lois Taube, Andy Romer and Simon Manning



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

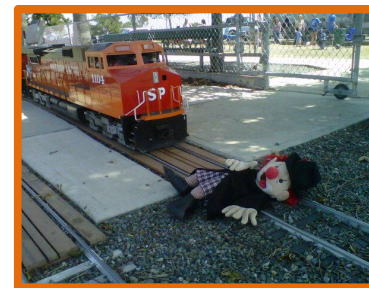
The parties are 2 hours long morning and afternoon and plan on an additional 2 hours to setup and put away equipment and yes put out the trash. We are a smile factory, kids of all ages come to us and we do our best to send them off with a smile.

Thank you to our Birthday Party Crews

Larry Ogle, Anthony Steinmetz, Jack young, Russ Maguire, Dean Zeeman, Bob Brooks, Mark Johnson & Jack Young



Tips from Chuckles



Like the smoke detectors you should check your fire extinguishers. To do this you need to find it, and remove it from the bracket. Hold it next to your ear and turn it upside down. You will hear sound like a muffin sliding inside of the extinguisher. Turn the extinguisher upright and upside down until you no longer hear the muffin moving. The muffin is the dry chemical that has caked at the bottom of the extinguisher. Also check the gauge it should read in the green.

Our guest's are not sardines when loading the passenger cars remember the max load is 600 lbs. most adults are around 200 so no more than 3 adults and their children. This weekend I saw several cars with 3 big boys way over 200 lbs plus their wives and kids. This is not safe so please load accordingly. Also front to back.

If you are watching the gate the little ones need to be able to walk to the trains if not they need to wait until they can walk. We are working on a height gauge when it is finished we will allow passengers to decide if their children can ride or not before waiting in the line. Kenny is working on this. Everyone is watching out for all of our members so we have a great train club. Keep up the good work!!!