



Attention on the Railroad

REMINDER

**OCME SPRING MEET
MAY 8 - 10**

Board Meeting Summary

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4/4/15

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During the Membership meeting held after lunch on the April Work Day, the members present unanimously voted to make Charter member Bob Fackiner a Life member. Congratulations to Bob and thank you for your long standing support of OCME.

The Fairview Park Advisory Committee has been put on hold by the city until further notice. Meanwhile the City Council is having a city wide survey conducted by an outside consultant to determine what the citizens want in Fairview Park.

OCME will be at the Costa Mesa Fairgrounds for the O.C. Imaginology event April 24, 25, 26. We will be displaying the caboose the junior members have been working on and the Plum Cove locomotive as static displays. We will also be showing some DVD's of footage taken at OCME over the years.

Our camp out schedule has changed to only seven weekends this year. They are limited to Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday. Please check the OCME Members web page for an updated calendar.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

Rail can also be run through it in both directions. It can bend the rail to almost any radius we would use on the railroad. It takes some practice, ask Craig Okun, but once you learn the art of finesse in adjusting the radius bending control it is a smooth process. Chuck's expertise in all things mechanical is a great asset to the club. If you have a problem with any tool or rolling stock and want some good advice ask Chuck.

These gentlemen typify many members of our club. Their contributions are really appreciated by the OCME. They help to make this A First Class Railroad. Thank for all you do. **Bob Brooks**

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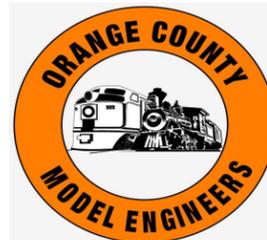
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Special Events

- ◆ Work Day
- ◆ Public Run Day's

Riders This Month

2739

YTD 11,925

What's Happening

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Work Day 4 April 2015 was a true milestone. On January 31, 2015 the club pulled up all the track on Higgins and In just over two months the entire section has been replaced. The club finished replacing the last of the 680 feet of track on Higgins on April 4, 2015. It can now be used for all occasions. The gaggle of gandy dancers on Saturday included: Andy Romer, George Shearer, Larry Ogle, Lorie Johnson, John Manning, Russ Maguire, Gary Sharp, Mel Bresee, Paul Hammond, Ken Matassa and Bob Brooks. We probably will not finish the Horse Shoe loop before the Spring Meet. However all the track can be used. We need to replace 2 switches and about 30 more track panels to finish the Horse Shoe loop maintenance activity from the bridge to the switches before the water tower. The club thanks all the members who worked so diligently on this track maintenance activity. **Bob Brooks**

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2

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

May 16-17

Sat. & Sun Public Run

June 6

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

June 20-21

Sat. & Sun Public Run

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY Bob Brooks

Things were a little tight this run weekend. We had a great turnout of members to support the club on Saturday. OCME gave 1312 rides on Saturday to the public. Sunday the crews had to work almost all day without a break to give 1424 rides to the public. A few more crews would have made the work a little easier on Sunday. Through your dedication we presented a First Class Railroad to the citizens of our community. Please support the club by volunteering on the public run days and for the

birthday parties. The Spring Meet is being held from 8 May through 10 May 2015. Be sure and see the schedule and contact Dalton Jonson or Hank Castignetti for information or to help out.

The volunteering activities are the heart and soul of the club. This month I would like to highlight the activities of Bob Osborn and Chuck Trom. Bob has made and improved almost all of the steel switches that we have been installing on our railroad. For example he has redesigned the hinge on the points so they rotate smoothly. He also developed a design for the positioning of the guard rails so they remain accurate relative to the frog point. These are but some of the ideas Bob has implemented in building are switches. The club has had compliments from other clubs' members about how smooth our switches are when they traverse new track on the Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Railroad. What I think are really neat are the "kick switches" he built for yard in front of containers "A" and "B". You can quickly set the switches and assemble a train without bending over. A real luxury for some of us. Ask Bob how they work.

Chuck Trom has contributed some really nice labor saving tools to the club. The rail bender he built for the club is heavy duty and easy to use. The old bender was manually driven and could not really be used for steel rail. The new one is driven by a low speed high torque motor and can handle both aluminum and steel rail.

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Sheldon's Corner



We had another great Pump – In .The fire trucks were here with the reptile zoo, Michael with his band, model rockets, and good food. The students came from Newport Harbor High school for community services time Saturday and they helped with the rockets. On Sunday the students did face painting and we saw Hello Kitty and others on the kid's arms. We also had Mesac radio response team. Everyone had a good time all of the kids went away with a smile. One kid on my train just could not stay awake he was out like a lite by

the end of the trip. My engineer did an excellent job. Thank you all for coming to this event we serve the community every month and some of the months are extra special like this one.

I was able to run on the new track sections wow what a difference now I know why the kid fell asleep. The groomed ballast, new ties, and new rail make for a great combination. Thank you all who make the magic happen.

One of our guests asked if we had any Eagle Scout projects for the scouts. I sent him a list so hopefully some of our projects will be completed.

We have a great Spring Meet planned for this month so if you can make it out even for a day plan on having a good time. Chuckles has a new stage to show off thank's to Tess. He is planning a great show so if the younger members can make it they too will be in the show. We always have fun at these meets and this one will be no different. So come on down and have a fun Spring Meet. DIXON

I've been working on the railroad

Gary Kimble*, Bob Harrison, Steve & Nick Hanrahan, Jeff Garrett, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot, Craig Okun, George Shearer, Betty Cummings*, Carolyn Hayes*, Joe Hayes, Bob Brooks*, Ken Matassa*, Eric Engle, Kevin Engle, Mike Springer*, Larry Ogle*, Lori Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Dalton Johnson, Russell Maguire, Dean Zeeman, Jason Cohen*, Paul Hammond, Dixon Sheldon*, Glenn Swain*, Stefanie Drake*, Donna O'Connor, Kevin O'Connor, Anthony Steinmetz, Christine Steinmetz, Lois Taube & Ray Hill



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

**Ray Hill, Russ Maguire, Jack Young, Hank Castignetti, George Shearer
And Dean Zeeman**



Tips from Chuckles



I went down to the lift and the buttons did not work do you know how to correct this, two ways before the buttons, there is a manual valve under the tin cover. The second way is inside container C on the left side there is a GFI it has a red or black button on it, push it and the buttons should work.

Speaking of tractors the lawnmower key is in the clubhouse key box. It will be labeled soon.

I have been watching everyone in the compound thank you for taking the time to use our safety gear this shows our younger members how to work safely. Gary Dutra is showing the caboose crews how to use many woodworking tools safely.

We will be working on our engines soon make sure you check for a red tag before operating this equipment. We will be starting on the 596.