



Attention on the Railroad

Board Summary
5/2/15

During the Membership meeting held after lunch on the May Work Day, Larry reminded everyone that he needs Birthday Party Volunteers.

Bob Brooks let the members know that the city is OK with all normal maintenance and repair/replace work. No "new" additional alignment is allowed. There was also a nice article posted on the web about OCME that can be read at <http://iheartcostamesa.com/featured/oc-model-engineers/>

The club has sold the donated 1" scale 0-4-0.

Spring Meet

The OCME Spring Meet got off to a rather gloomy start with clouds, drizzle and cool breezes on Friday. A 7-car supply train was pre-loaded and staged in the compound Thursday afternoon and departed Skinner Yard Friday morning in spite of the weather. When it arrived in the campground it was met by a number of volunteers to help unload the Dining Car and all it's equipment and supplies. Set up went quickly and preparations were made for a pot luck dinner that drew 20+ members. The variety of food was as surprising as it was delicious! There were Bill and Amy's baked chicken wings, Lelani's Hawaiian teriyaki chicken and rice, Karen Johnson's renowned chili, Dixon's yummy cherry ambrosia and BBQ'd chicken breasts, Diane's Chinese cabbage salad with sesame dressing, DJ's bowtie pasta with Louisiana hot links in honey/mustard sauce, Hank's sweet and savory meatballs, Angie Dutra's homemade pumpkin pie, homemade cornbread, carrot cake and key lime tarts! Mark Johnson's family even arrived with a huge cake to to share and celebrate Mark's birthday at the club. Everyone present agreed that this was truly one of the clubs best pot luck dinners ever!

Saturday was a busy one. Hank's Dining Car was open to provide members and guests with breakfast, lunch and dinner. All you can eat pancakes, eggs any style and bottomless cup of coffee started the day off right for all our early risers. As in the past, our friends at Ruby's Diner donated gourmet hamburgers and dinner franks along with buns made only for Ruby's! Along with side dishes, they made for a hearty meal to quench the appetite of every hungry engineer and conductor! The Dining Car served 100 of these meals in 2 days!

The weather cleared up on Sunday, the sun came out, guests showed up, members showed up, and trains began to run! Andy, Myron and Art fired all up their steamers and filled the layout with the distinctive smell of coal and the high pitched tweet of their steam whistles. Lot's of members turned out to run their equipment and offer rides to visitors and their families. The group that plans and organizes the Fullerton Train Days booked both party trains to celebrate another successful event and congratulate their staff of volunteers. Many of their guests toured the compound and were amazed at the variety of equipment maintained by OCME members. Mark Johnson set up his highly detailed stationary Wilesco steam engine that powers miniature generators to illuminate scale street lights. This is quite an interesting operation to watch!

Dalton Johnson

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Riders This Month

2146

YTD 14,071

What's Happening

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The week before the Spring Meet was full of tasks getting the club ready for the Spring Meet. Gary and Angela Dutra were busy with the maintenance of the plants, the junior members caboose construction, and of course our towels. The lawns in the picnic area(The gear on the starter of the riding mower broke and Kevin mowed the area by hand) and steaming bays all look much better due to the efforts of Kevin and Lori Tolan. The birthday parties were crewed by Ray Hill, Jack young, Larry Ogle, and Dixon Sheldon. Bob Osborne and Myron Peterson were observed building switches for the next track segment upgrade. Another 100 ft. of track was replaced by Andy and Alexandra Romer, Hank Castignetti, Jeff Garrett, Paul Hammond, Lorie and Mark Johnson, Dave and Reed Simmons, Larry Ogle, Mike and Donna Springer, Steve and Nick Hanrahan, Mel Bresee, Russ Maguire, Ken Matassa, Craig Okun, and Bob Brooks. Glenn Swain and Terry Cummings were diligently replace and repairing drive chains on the club locomotives. And speaking of locomotion, thanks go to Bob Platfoot and Joe Hays for providing the gasoline we needed for the Spring Meet and Run Weekend. Thank you all for the work you do to support the club.

Bob Brooks

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 6

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

June 20-21

Sat. & Sun Public Run
July 11

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

July 18-19

Sat. & Sun Public Run

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY Bob Brooks

First things first!! **Dalton Johnson** did a great job of chairing the Spring Meet. He has already volunteered to chair the fall meet if others will support him. Please see his write-up. Run Weekend was successfully executed by the club. However ridership was down from our normal of around 2700 to 3000. The totals were 945 for Saturday and 1201 for Sunday. Two things may have impacted the count. On Saturday the weather was cool and some people may

have thought it would rain and there was a CIF track meet across the street. The full parking lot may have discouraged some regulars. We will coordinate with the city next time to reduce the impact. Sunday went off without a hitch. Plenty of crew were available for the trains and to provide relief breaks. After we finish the horseshoe loop track replacement, we need to decide what track we will replace next. If you have a suggestion, give it to a board member. We also need to perform our annual cross leveling of track. Anyone who would like to take this on as a project and get it organized please contact a board member.

Jack of all trades and master of many is the description of the next member to be highlighted in the Way Freight. He is Glenn Swain. Glenn is a plumber, an electrician, a rolling stock mechanic (cars and Locomotives), a gandy dancer, and a steam engine diehard. Probably very few of our members have seen the improvements that Glenn has made to our outside lighting. At night it is hard not to be seen in the compound. No dark corners. All of the wiring improvements in the containers has been done by Glenn. He also has helped to replace the track. Right now he is making modifications to the chain tensioners on the club locomotives and replacing the drive chains if needed. Willing and competent are two words that describe Glenn. He never says "no". Please say thank you to this unique member who helps make this A First Class Railroad. **Bob Brooks**

Sheldon's Corner



Well where do I start. The Spring Meet was Fantastic, we had WWII bombers flying overhead, DJ and Hank revised the meet and everything went very well, so well that they have agreed to chair the Fall Meet. Ask anyone who was able to attend for a complete description of what fun was had by all.

Members from the Temecula and Chula Vista clubs attended out meet and we had one of our members Jeff pushing a Delorean around the track. I even caught him double heading. We had some new members, William and Wendy Rasmussen and their parents joined in on the fun. Each person brought new ideas to the meet and we enjoyed everything.

With the help of many members and one rejoining member Evan I was able to put the Sweet Creek back together again. We fired it Sunday run day just to warm the fire bricks. Thank you to all who helped me get to this point. Once completed I plan to pull public again.

Art Barter brought out a new loco had it tested for the 1st time it passed then he fired it and now it is dirty, but he also had a grin on his face another great project completed.

Even Carroll came out of the motor home and enjoyed the food and friends.

Thank you DJ and Hank for all you do !!!

Dixon

I've been working on the railroad

Ken Matassa*, Craig Okun*, Betty Cummings*, Joe Hayes*, Carolyn Hayes*, Mike Springer*, Bob Harrison, Russell Maguire*, Dean Zeeman*, Bob Brooks*, Bob Platfoot*, Derek Marsden, Clair & Bobby Marsden, Gary Sharp*, Dalton Johnson*, Steve Hanrahan, Nick Hanrahan, Lori Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Glen Swain*, Anthony Steinmetz*, Christine Steinmetz*, Gary Kimble*, Jerry Platfoot*, George Shearer, Hank Castignetti*, Stefanie Frake, Bob Osborne, Myron Peterson, Dixon Sheldon*, Jeff Garrett, Lois Taube, Lori Tolan, Kevin Tolan, Kevin O'Connor & Donna O'Connor



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

Bob Brooks, Jack Young, Larry Ogle, Hank Castignetti, Dean Zeeman, Russ Maguire, Ray Hill & Craig Okun



Tips from Chuckles



Dixon is a safety freak every time I try something he says wear safety glasses, gloves, radio's etc. But I do need to see to find my Rumball's. Thank you all that take safety first. You are doing it right.

If you are the first to leave Skinner yard make sure to watch the switches and the track. Also look for anything that might obstruct the tracks. Any problems let the Station Master know.

I can't stress this enough when using the bridges take the extra second to align and if possible have someone else watch the wheel alignment on the bridge. Dad's engine has been on the ground several times and it does it is no fun also it ties up the transfer table for others to use. Thank you members for all you do you provide a great experience for all of the kids who come to the railroad.