



Attention on the Railroad

Fall Meet Info

The fall meet is all most here and I have a few reminders if you want to camp the last day for getting a spot saved will be Sunday the 20th of September or until we get all spots filled. If you would like to camp please contact Dixon Sheldon at dix4449@msn.com or you can call him at (909)-718-9560. If you are camping you must bring tarps because they need to go under your generator and or engine of rv. Thank you guys.

Dalton Johnson
Meet chairman

Meeting Summary

The Board has approved the following revisions to our operating rules:

A C.1.1 exception will be added

- Junior members who have passed the O.C.M.E. Engineers Test, been checked out by the V.P. of Operations or his designate on the equipment, show a sufficient degree of maturity and responsibility, are always under the direct supervision of a qualified engineer at least 18 years old, and been approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to do so, may:
 - 1) Operate as engineer on birthday parties
 - 2) Move equipment between the compound and the station on run days
 - 3) Move equipment from the unloading area of the station to the loading area of the station on run days during operating hours, provided there are no members of the public on the loading platform

Section C.1.2 will be replaced with

- Junior members who have passed the O.C.M.E. Conductors Test, been checked out by the V.P. of Operations or his designate, show a sufficient degree of maturity and responsibility, are always under the direct supervision of a qualified engineer at least 18yrs old, and been approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to do so, may operate as a conductor.

An updated complete version of the Operating Rules will be available for download from the Members page of our website soon.

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Special Events

- ◆ Work Day
- ◆ Public Run Day's

Riders This Month

1507

YTD 19,620

What's Happening

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Saturday July 11th, 2015 was a milestone of sorts for infrastructure progress. The mainline track from the switch south of the station to the water tower has been replaced. Also the track on the upper switchback to the siding and Higgins has been replaced. The next phase will be to complete the east "Y" and start replacing the track on the mainline from the water tower to the station. The talented members who worked so hard were Andy and Alexandra Romer, Bob Osborne, Myron Peterson, Paul Hammond, Jeff Garret, Mel Bresee, Lori and Mark Johnson, John Manning, Louis Aguirre, Gary Sharp, Gary Kimbal and Bob Brooks. Members performing other tasks were George Shearer, Ken Matassa, Terry Cummings, Craig Okun, Dixon Sheldon, Russ Maguire, Joe Hays, and Jack Young. Thanks for all the support. Bob Brooks

OCME COOK BOOK UPDATE

We still need more recipes! They must be easy to read, original and not Copyrighted. We received several great recipes from Mary E. Welsh - we would like to know who she is and the city and state where she lives. Please send recipes to harold.s.hayes@gmail.com or mail to Carolyn Hayes, 18020 Faysmith Ave., Torrance, Calif., 90504. Call Carolyn @ 310-386-9834 if you have questions or comments.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Bob Brooks(562) 429-8325
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Sep 12
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house
Board Meeting 3:00

Sep 19-20
Sat. & Sun Public Run
Oct 3
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house.
Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00

Oct 17-18
Sat. & Sun Public Run



A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY Bob Brooks

The Orange County Model A Club came to Goat Hill for an outing on Saturday. Their cars were lined up in a special display parking area and all the people enjoyed looking at the cars. Mel Bresee hosted them on train rides and a tour of the facility. Next month on Saturday September 19th 2015 the Harbor Model A Club will come to Goat Hill for an outing. Be sure and attend to see the beautiful restored cars. We will set up a special display parking area for them and they will be given priority status for

train rides and a tour of the facility.

The fall meet will be September 25, 26, and 27. See Dalton Johnson for details. The more participation the better. The August run weekend was held in very hot weather. Dixon brought up water and ice so the crews would have plenty to drink. It was needed as the temperature was in the 90's. Keeping hydrated was the order of the day. Mark Johnson put up a mister at the station and the ridership really enjoyed it. The total ridership for the two days was 1507. Saturday we gave 747 rides and Sunday we gave 760 rides. This was about half our normal total. The weather and the Orange County Fair competition may have contributed to the low total.

This month's highlighted member is Jeff Garrett. Jeff is an avid railroad modeler and has brought his equipment to Goat Hill to run at the spring meet. Jeff also is a tireless worker when it comes to laying track. He has been active in all the track work over the last year and a half. He also helped Terry and Glenn redo chains on the locomotives. Please say hello to Jeff and thank him for his many talents and valuable contributions to OCME. OCME has asked the city if we can put a new shell on the water tower. It is continually being vandalized. We should hear from them this month. The Sunshine Academy was out in August and did a wonderful job of clearing tumble weeds from the right of way. Dixon has done a great job of working with this group. If you haven't seen it before take a look at the rail bender installation that Craig Okun just finished. It will make track panel building much more efficient. Thanks Craig for a job well done. We continue our maintenance activities for the track and rolling stock. **Bob Brooks**

Sheldon's Corner



Well I preached to everyone about drinking water. I did this, however I baked in the sun Saturday a bit too long. Both Bob Brooks and myself were well done. Sunday we made sure all engineers and conductors rotated so no one was exposed to the amount of sun Bob and I got on Saturday. We provided an ice chest for water for our engineers we went thru about 100 bottles of water some frozen some just cold I also purchased some apples which were enjoyed by our engineers. We had a good weekend.

I spoke to Michael the band leader he said December will be his last event with us he is moving. We have enjoyed his music for over 2 years. The gentleman Dwayne played a

song from Louis Armstrong "a wonderful world" I thought it was a recording. He has a great voice and can really play the brass instruments. We are going to miss these two and the young lady that plays also.

We are going to have a great fall meet. If you plan on camping with a camper, trailer, or a motor home be sure to place a tarp under your rig where the engine is and the generator. This is a request of the city.

Hank will be cooking again and Dj well he has been busy getting the compound, track, food, and everything else that needs to be done for a meet. He was out today winding up the garden hoses. Both gentlemen can use your help even if only for a few hours during our event it all helps.

We will be installing **plastic couplers** on some of our cabooses to try and see if they will work. Some think they will not work we will see if they are right. You as a group have provided me with many ideas most we have implemented and have improved our railroad. Keep the ideas coming even after I leave office. Yes we are looking for a few members to replace Kenny and myself. So if you think you can do a better job than I, please sign up for the election coming up. One member told me it only takes about 30 minutes a month to do the board and meetings well it takes a bit more than this to do what I did but it has been and enjoyable time in my life. We have gotten many things done some little, some bigger. Thank you all for the many ideas. **Dixon Sheldon**

I've been working on the railroad

Lori Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Bob Harrison, Christine Steinmetz*, Anthony Steinmetz*, Ken Matassa*, Jack Young, Joe Hayes*, Carolyn Hayes*, Jim Marsden, Derek Marsden, Clair Marsden, Mel Bresee, Gary Kimble*, Larry Ogle*, Dixon Sheldon*, Bob Brooks*, Craig Okun, Dalton Johnson*, Glenn Swain*, Stefanie Drake*, Bob Platfoot*, Mike Springer*, George Shearer, Jerry Platfoot, Russell Maguire, Dean Zeeman, Lois Taube, Paul Hammond, Ray Hill, Kevin & 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

Russ Green, Joe Hayes, Larry Ogle, Bob Harrison, Bob Brooks, Jack Young and George Shearer



Tips from Chuckles



When you put the engines away please make sure to refuel them. This saves time in the morning because in the past if we refuel in the morning several times we would run the batteries down and the engines would not start. Then it would take 45 minutes to recharge the batteries.

When loading our guests several things to watch for if the guest is heavy load them in the middle of the car and put children with them. The weight of the car is 150 lbs. the max load is 880. IF one person is 300 this is more than half of the load for this car. I have seen cases where we put 3 large people on one car this is 900 lbs plus the car weight. When loading passengers make sure they are in one car

not two. Lastly the last person on a train is an adult.

As I mentioned before we have a height gauge on each entrance and exit if a child does not meet the required height they should not ride the train. We will post a sign as the guests come in so they do not wait in line to find out their child cannot ride. Most of our guests understand this, but we need to post a sign as they enter the platform. We are working on this sign it should be up before the next run day.

When working in the compound or on the track take the extra minute to be safe. Make sure you wear proper safety gear. Also when working around the engines and cars keep your hands clear of anything that might cause an injury. We need to rerail our train from time to time. Take an extra minute to survey the situation and discuss with the conductor they may have a simple solution to rerail an engine or car.