



Attention on the Railroad

Thank you Email

Robert, On behalf of the Harbor Model A Club , I want to thank you and your Model Engineer Club , for making today one of the nicest tours we have had. Roping off the parking lot was wonderful--- people were very respectful of our cars. Having a ride on the train right away without waiting in line was a terrific experience , and the talk given by Dixon was just perfect for us !!! We very much appreciate your time and effort in putting this together for us. I heard nothing but positive things said as we were at lunch. THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!! Bobby DeCrescenzo

Meeting Summary

Time cards are an important part of membership. They show you are participating and eligible to use our facilities and store personal equipment. It also allows OCME to report to the City at the end of the year an accurate accounting of what we contribute. Please make sure you are filling out and turning in signed time cards for your efforts to the box outside the Club House.

Just a reminder, equipment stored at OCME is **not** covered under any OCME insurance. Storage of your personal equipment is entirely at your own risk.

The Board has changed Operating rule 833(a) for Passenger Service to now say: Young children are not permitted to ride trains until they are at least 31 inches tall and able to walk.

Presidents Message Continued

He is here every run weekend all day long. He is here every work day all day long. He is here for special events all day long. He has special talent for fixing our truck side bars when those little screws get knock out and stripped. He has equipment that the little ones love at Christmas. Whatever you ask Gary Sharp to do he responds with a resounding "YES". Gary is our highlighted club member this month. Please thank Gary for giving of his myriad of talents to the club. Our members like Gary make this **A First Class Rail Road**. Thank you all for all you do. **Bob Brooks**



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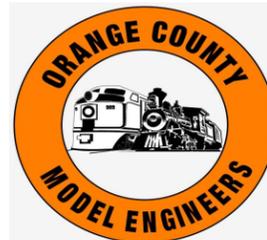
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Special Events

- ◆ Work Day
- ◆ Public Run Day's

Riders This Month

2111

YTD 21,731

What's Happening

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Work Day was hot, humid, and productive on Sat. Sept. 12. The east "Y" was finished. Both the east and west "Y's" have been replaced with new track and can now be used. The stalwart workers on all Saturday projects were: Louis Aguirre, Gary Sharp, Mel Bresee, Lori Johnson, Gary Kimbal, Bob Osborne, Myron Peterson, Mark Jonson, Ken Matassa, Dixon Sheldon, Russ Maguire, Paul Hammond, Conner Dahl, Russ Green, Bob Harrison, Christine and Anthony Steinmetz, Glen Swain, Amy and William and Wendy Rassmussen, and Dan O'Brien. We need to replace 2 switches before we start another long mainline track segment. The first switch has already been built buy Bob Osborne and Myron Peterson. They are building the other one now. Thanks for all your hard work. **Bob Brooks**



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 10

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

Oct 17-18

Sat. & Sun Public Run

Nov 7

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

Nov 21-22

Sat. & Sun Public Run

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY Bob Brooks

Red hot rail roaders is what we are. The weather was so hot this month that Mark Johnson put up his water mister at the waiting area for the public. They loved it. Despite the heat the public really enjoyed the rides. We pulled 1265 people on Saturday and 846 on Sunday for a grand total of 2111.

The Park Commission gave the club permission to recover the water tower with the corrugated steel tower we have. Hopefully this will prevent the

vandals from damaging it. We will do this work after October.

We are getting ready for the Scare Crow and Pumpkin Festival in October. So please support this great event on October 17th and 18th. The riders will be transported to the pumpkin patch by the water tower where if they have purchased a pumpkin ticket they can disembark and pick out a pumpkin and re-board a train for the return trip to the station. Along the way the scare crows will be on display for their viewing. This event is in conjunction with our normal October public run weekend. Tess Bernstein is heading up the Scare Crow contest. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries. If you would like to participate by making a Scare Crow or volunteering, contact Tess.

The 1104 wiring was shorted out and had to be replaced. It ran great on the Sept. run weekend. Glen Swain led the effort to fix the problems. If ever you see any problems with our rolling stock please red tag the equipment so the problem can be rectified quickly.

The club is selling the Santa fe engine that was donated to the club. If interested see the next Way Freight for details. Also Norm Jose is selling his rolling stock. He will be advertising in the Way Freight the items for sale. Please watch the Way Freight for particulars.

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Sheldon's Corner



Things happen for a reason. We as a club do one thing we put smiles on many children. With our love for our hobby and the love of children in the area. Each of us has a different set of skills. Yesterday we had an issue with one engine. The station master was called and we brought the engine in for repairs we still had all of our passengers on board. The ride was only half over. Once in the station we transferred our passengers to another train they were off on their way. Then we went to work on the engine in no time the issue was resolved. This is what I mean by "Things happen for a reason" The engineer knowing he had an issue, the Station Master setting up for a transfer of passengers, off they went and

by the time they finished their ride, the engine with the situation was repaired tested and back on the track. This is what you call teamwork. Thank you all who were involved with this.

We are getting ready for another great fall meet. We had a different Spring Meet. Two of our members took the reins and tried something different "A new idea" you know how I like to try new things. Well they set up the pot luck with a different twist we had in the past grouped 3 division's one for salads, main course, and deserts. This time there were no assignments. We had a wonderful dinner we had all of the dishes we needed we even had leftovers. Now both ways worked only because of our members. We are a great bunch. Thank you all for what you do.

The Scarecrow/Pumpkin festival is this month we need everyone in the club. If you have never come out, come out. We have lots of people supporting us, the Costa Mesa Historical Society, and many others. So if you only come to the club one time, come to this event. Plan on having a great time putting smiles on children.

DIXON

I've been working on the railroad

Lori Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Bob Brooks*, Ken Matassa*, Mel Bresee, Anthony Steinmetz*, Christine Steinmetz*, Jeff Garrett, Gary Kimble*, Bob Platfoot, Bob Harrison, Joe Hayes*, Carolyn Hayes*, Glenn Swain*, Gary Sharp*, Terry Cummings, Larry Ogle, Paul Hammond*, Hank Castignetti, Dixon Sheldon*, Eric Engle, Jerry Platfoot, Stefanie Drake, Bob Osborne, Myron Peterson, Dalton Johnson, David Simmons, Reed Simmons, Mike Springer*, Ray Hill & Lois Taube



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

Jack Young, Russ Green, Anthony Steinmetz & Larry Ogle



Tips from Chuckles



We have a height gauge at every post (the little black line) in addition there will be signs stating the child cannot ride these signs will be posted at each entrance to the platform and on the Indian sign. **This is for the safety of the child.**

Cameras, everyone who rides the trains knows way more than any of our engineers and or conductors. However most of our riders are busy taking a camera shot. Before you pull out of the station make sure all

phones are put away make the extra effort and walk the train.

Yesterday I saw a conductor allowing 2 of our passengers to photograph each other I think this is called a selfie. This action puts the rest of that car as well as the rest of the train in jeopardy. Nothing happened. You can be polite, stop the train go up to the person and ask them to finish their pictures so we can continue the ride. This embassies' them. They usually will not take any more pictures during the rest of the trip. Please watch for photos, dragging purse straps, shoe laces, anything that might get caught on a wheel.

Also our train crews are not to be using cell phones or tablets while operating the trains. So please take the extra minute to make sure our trains run safely.