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Track Talk

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Work day on Saturday March 5th was a superb example of the club accomplishing things. Dixon Sheldon led the boiler checks. Russ Green, Myron Peterson and Dixon Sheldon got their boilers certified. Of course Dixon did not supervise his own boiler test. Myron and Russ were there to make sure it passed legitimately. If other members need to have their boilers tested contact Dixon and schedule a time and date with him. Terry Cummings led a crew that cross leveled the entire mainline of track. I believe the crew consisted of Luis Aguirre, and David and Seth Weiss. Track was also laid beyond the water tower and old track dismantled. The workers on these endeavors were Jeff Garrett; Bob Brooks; Ben and Kenny Jones; Gary Kimble; Jayson, Kyler, and Hailey Stevenson; and Mel Bresee. Bob Osborne and Myron Peterson finished the custom switch that will be installed just before the Mountain Division switch. The club has made significant progress on replacing the mainline track. We are now heading toward the station!!!! With dogged determination and hard work the club will have the finest track for running our equipment. Thanks for all your support. **Bob Brooks**

Special Events This Month

- ◆ Public Run Day's
- ◆ Work Day

Riders This Month

2740

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2
 Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house
 Board Meeting 3:00

April 16-14
 Sat. & Sun Public Run

May 7
 Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house.
 Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00

May 21-22
 Sat. & Sun Public Run



A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY PRESIDENT BOB BROOKS

Public run day was a success. On Saturday we had 1455 riders. Sunday was a little less, but non- the less a very success full day with 1285 riders. This included two large picnic groups (about 100 people altogether) on Sunday enjoying the day riding trains and eating and celebrating birthdays. The club members should be very proud of the joy that they give to the community. Please see the

notice from Dalton Johnson about the Spring Meet to be held the 13th, 14th, and 15th of May. We have camping reservations for 6 RV's. They will be issued in advance on a first come basis before the meet. So contact Dalton if you want one of these spots. Tent camping does not require a reservation. RV's may arrive on the afternoon of the 12th and leave on the morning of the 16th. RV's must employ a tarp(s) to prevent any oil, etc. from dripping on the ground. Next month on public run weekend, the California Fire Museum will be giving rides on Saturday April 16th and Sunday April 17th. So come out and enjoy the pump-in. There are several club projects that need to be performed. Please see Glenn Swain to be responsible for one of these important efforts. The Costa Mesa Lions Club puts on a big community fish fry at Fairview Park in June. OCME is providing train rides from 3PM to 6PM on Saturday June 4th and Sunday June 5th. Please plan on supporting this worthwhile community effort. Norm Jobse has asked the club to help him sell his rolling stock. To this end there will be a silent auction on April 23rd at the club compound. See the notice and Glenn Swain for details. When planning your summer please save 1 July through 5 July for an OCME members only meet. Hank Castignetti is planning the potluck dinner for 3 July. There will be camping. We plan to accomplish some projects as well as run trains. Stay tuned for details. Thanks for providing the community this **First Class Rail Road**. **Bob Brooks**

High Iron By Hank Castignetti



It's spring at Fairview Park and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. The club has been a busy place recently with lots of members working on a number of projects. Foremost has been weed control. This has become a major chore with the recent rains and lots of spraying and mowing has been done. The city has approved a new weed control product that's environmentally safe which allows us to mechanically spray the tracks. Bob Brooks and Hank have been

using the sprayer car in the early morning when winds are calm and drift is not an issue. Kevin Tolan and Dalton Johnson have been out on the right-of-way mowing swaths next to the rails to take down overhanging weeds. Wildflowers next to the tracks temp little hands to reach out and pick them from the train...which we all know is not allowed! Also, tumble weeds have been a particular nuisance during the Santa Ana winds, piling up against the compound fences. Ken has spent many hours, with the help of other members, dragging them to a disposal sight. Tumble weeds...cotton balls with thorns!

Thanks also to Dixon and the members who have turned out for boiler inspections. Now fire up those iron horses and run 'em!

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I've been working on the railroad

Ken Matassa*, Allen Stephens*, George Shearer, Craig Okun*, Jeff Garrett, Jack Young, Gary Kimble*, Bob Brooks*, Bob Harrison*, Gary Sharp*, Lori Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Glenn Swain*, Andy Romer, Jerry Platfoot, Joe Hayes*, Carolyn Hayes*, Larry Ogle*, Paul Hammond*, Lori Tolan, Kevin Tolan, Myron Peterson, Bob Osborne, Stefanie Drake*, Dalton Johnson, Kyler Stevenson, Anthony Steinmetz*, Joe Steinmetz, Betty Cummings*, Connor Dahl, Lois Taube*, Ray Hill, Christine Steinmetz, Kevin O'Connor, Donna O'Connor, Jayson & Hailey Stevenson



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 Larry Ogle at oglerail@gmail.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



Classification Yard "Where things get sorted out"



The Classification Yard article will be sent in a separate file this month please check your email



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Attention on the Railroad

Spring Meet

well it's that time again yep it's the spring meet. The date's for the meet will be
May 12-15.

If you like Trains, food family and friends then the spring meet is the place to be. There will be flyer going out soon for the pricing for food. So keep checking your emails . Now all of this fun event just dose not appear like magic it's takes lot of hard work to set everything up. So if you would like to help in setting up just go to OCMETRAINS.com and go to the like for the spring meet and you can find DJs email address to contact him if you would like to help set up .

Thank you

Dalton Johnson Meet chairman

Meeting Summary

HIGH IRON CONTINUED

We have some important dates coming up...you should mark your calendar. April 2nd is our monthly work day/members meeting and Bob has a new switch to install near the bridge. Bring your gloves if you're able to help out as this is the largest switch on the layout and he'll need extra hands! Our annual Pump-In will take place on April 16th when the Orange County Fire Museum will display antique engines and give fire truck rides. This is also our public run weekend and we expect the usual large crowds for this event. Camping permits have been obtained if members wish to campout in the park for this weekend. As usual, we are limited to six RV's so be sure to make a reservation with Hank in advance. (hanksterc@aol.com/ 714-962-8158)

Our Spring Meet will be held the weekend of May 14-15 and camping is allowed from the 12th to the 16th. Dalton Johnson will once again be Chairman of this event and Hank will operate the Dining Car Café. Watch for further details.

It's great to see so many new members (as well as *old* ones!) involved in club activities. If you haven't been to the club in a while, stop by and take out an engine, or help with a project, either way we'd love to see you!!

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