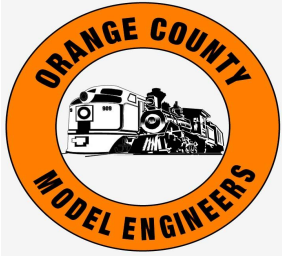




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**Track Talk**

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Work day April 2<sup>nd</sup> was very productive. The switch leading to the switchback and the yard was replaced along with the initial panels for Mattassa. This problem area should now be in great shape for years to come thanks to the hard work of George Shearer, Dave and Seth Weiss, Jayson and Kyler Stevenson, Andy Romer, Lorie and Mark Johnson, Gary Sharpe, Myron Peterson, Bob Osborne, Ken Mattassa, Larry Ogle, Mel Bresee, Luis Aguirre, Steve and Nick Hanrahan, Gary Kimble, and Bob Brooks. To date approximately 3300 feet of track and switches have been replaced along the mainline and the "Y"s since the effort was started in May of 2014. This includes the Switchback, Higgens, mainline from the crossing over the bridge and passed the water tower and both "Y"s. We should be able to complete the effort in about 24 more months. Thanks so much for your support.

**Bob Brooks**

**Special Events  
This Month**

- ◆ Public Run Day's
- ◆ Work Day

**Riders This Month**

**2535**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- May 7**  
 Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house  
 Board Meeting 3:00
- May 21-22**  
 Sat. & Sun Public Run
- June 4**  
 Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house.  
 Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00
- June 18-19**  
 Sat. & Sun Public Run



## A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY PRESIDENT BOB BROOKS

April public run weekend was enjoyed by 1367 riders on Saturday and 1168 riders on Sunday. The weather was like a summer day with lots of hydrating (fancy talk for drinking water) done by the crews. With one of our club engines laid up we want to thank Mel Bresee, Paul Hammond and

Derek Marsden for pulling the public. The California Fire Museum was in attendance both days and gave fire engine rides to people all day both days. They always had a line of enthusiastic riders waiting to get on board. They will be back in October. The new banner sign in the station really looks great. It was donated by Cynthia Ferguson of Focal Point Printing, a local Costa Mesa company, at no cost to the club. Cynthia proposed adding the graphics and it shows off our engines as well as telling people the rules for riding. Please contact Dalton Johnson to offer your assistance in setting up for the Spring Meet. The dates are from 12 May to 16 May. Don't forget we are supporting the Lion's Club Fish Fry on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 6pm after our birthday parties. We will probably need two trains. If you want to discuss the operating rule for OCME at the next meeting please review the attachment to the email I sent out. Also if you have any fund raising ideas for the club we would like to hear about them at the meeting. **Bob Brooks**

## High Iron By Hank Castignetti



## WE NEED HELP!

Last month Glenn Swain issued a call for volunteers and I'd like to repeat his request. For twenty eight years OCME has grown through the sweat-equity and talent of our fantastic members. It's is only through volunteer efforts by

our membership that this club carries on. We need help! There are many projects that need attention at the club and we need members to step forward to tackle them. Some are simple, while others are more involved. We simply need people to take responsibility for these various projects and coordinate the work. Your Board of Directors stands ready to assist in any way and to provide the resources necessary to complete each task and Glenn is your point of contact. So once again I'm posting this list of priorities for everyone to consider. Please consider taking on one of them.

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## I've been working on the railroad

Lori Johnson\*, Mark Johnson\*, Ken Matassa\*, Jack Young, Craig Okun\*, Dalton Johnson\*, Kyler Stevenson\*, Anthony Steinmetz\*, Christine Steinmetz, Jayson Stevenson\*, Hailey Stevenson, Dixon Sheldon\*, Gary Sharp\*, Bob Brooks\*, Dean Zeeman, Russell Maguire\*, Carolyn Hayes\*, Joe Hayes\*, Gary Kimble\*, Bob Harrison, Hank Castignetti\*, Mel Bresee, Derek & Clair Marsden, Allen Stephens\*, Jeff Garrett, Bob Osborn, Glenn Swain\*, Kevin Engle, Eric Engle, Kevin O'Connor, Donna O'Connor, Stefanie Drake\*, Paul Hammond\*, Willie Johnson, Connor Dahl, Andy Romer, Lois Taube, Ray Hill, Reed Simmons & Dave Simmons



## 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](mailto:oglerail@gmail.com) or call Hank Castignetti at 714-742-2335. 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"



### HIGH IRON CONTINUED

1. Cosmetic repair and cleaning of the 596 and the Santa Fe engines.
2. Replace the wooden water tower with the steel one stored in the compound.
3. Replace the deteriorated side railings on the bridge.
4. Adjust the top storage rail in all containers to better align with the rolling bridge.
5. Repaint the transfer table as well as the rolling bridge.
6. Finish painting the steaming bays.
7. Repair, and make operational, the crossing gate south of the station.
8. Inspect the roofs of all storage containers and repair any leaks.
9. Here's a big one...repaint all the storage containers in the compound. (We need to start somewhere)
10. Build new track panel tables.

"Thank you" to everyone for considering this appeal.

**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

## WEIGHT LIMIT UPDATE

We have a new sign at the station on run weekends. It replaces an older one that was rather tattered. It lets riders know what the safety rules are for riding our trains. Item #10 was modified and now reads, **"LOAD LIMIT PER RIDING CAR IS 750 LBS."** We have removed the old rule that limited an individual's weight. Now we must monitor the weight of **EACH CAR** as we load public on run weekends. That means that larger riders may need to have fewer other riders on the same car with them. In some cases it may be necessary for a rider to have a car to themselves. Please try to remember this when loading your trains...it's our responsibility to **NOT** overload cars. Let's all help one another remember this... *"If you see something, say something"*.

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