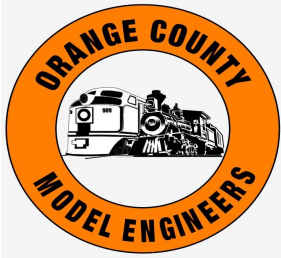




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Track Talk

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The gandy dancers had a near record day on work day in July. They laid 210 feet of track. We only have 90 feet of track left to replace to finish the water tower loop. The fantastic crew was Luis Aguirre, Andy Romer, Jeff Garrett, Jayson and Kyler Stevenson, Rob and Steele and Axel Coe, Christine and Anthony Steinmetz, Mark Johnson, Mel Bresee, Bob Brooks, Terry Cummings, and Steve and Nick Hanarahan. Bob Osborne, Myron Peterson, Gary Kimble, Dave Bowen, Lori Johnson, and Paul Hammond were also busy working at the club. A project that needs to be performed is to trim the new steel rail to exactly 10 ft. We have 200 pieces that need to be trimmed. It's very easy using the band saw by the shop door. If you do trim some, place them on the existing pile next to the untrimmed steel rail.

Please thank Bob Harrison for taking on the responsibility of restocking the water and sodas. Also thank Dave Bowen for being responsible for recycling the soda cans and water bottles. Please note that the water bottles **must be emptied and the caps removed** when placing them in the recycling bins. Many of our members are leaving partially empty bottles and cans around the compound, also empty ones. It is everyone's responsibility to keep the trash picked up especially your own. Thank you one and all. **Bob Brooks**

Special Events This Month

- ◆ Public Run Day's
- ◆ Work Day

Riders This Month

2270

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Aug 6**
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house
Board Meeting 3:00
- Aug 20-21**
Sat. & Sun Public Run
- Sep 10**
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house.
Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00
- Sep 17-18**
Sat. & Sun Public Run



A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY PRESIDENT BOB BROOKS

This run weekend the public enjoyed superb weather and the train crews enjoyed running with no problems. The new rail is proving to be excellent. The ridership was up from last month. We had 1096 riders on Saturday and 1174 riders on Sunday for a grand total of 2270 riders.

The club membership is growing. As of July we have 102 individual and family memberships for a total of 175 members. Please keep up the good work of talking to people. Many have joined because of members talking to them on the run weekend and at birthday parties. With summer upon us, many people take well deserved vacations so please support the club on work days and run weekends if you can.

Upcoming items of interest are:

- 1) Fall Meet from 22 Sept. until 26 Sept. Unless someone volunteers to be the chair person and organize the meet it will be a fun run with each person responsible for their own food.
- 2) Elections of new board members in November. Please consider running for the board. It is a satisfying role and does not require an inordinate amount of time.
- 3) and the Scarecrow contest in October. If you want to enter a scare crow in the contest or volunteer to help run the contest contact Tess Bernstein. She is the person in charge of this event. This is a city wide event and everybody is encouraged to participate. The scare crows will be on display along the water tower horse shoe loop for judging by the judges and viewing by the public. It's a fun event so come on out and join in the fun.

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High Iron By Hank Castignetti



A quick survey of the track from the Water Tower/Mountain Division switch to the station entrance shows about 77 track panels to be replaced on the outer loop and 65 track panels to be replaced on the inner loop. This does not include all the switches. So as you can see with the completion of this 142 track panel segment (about 1500 ft.) we will have almost completed the mainline. We still

must address the straight track through the station to the main crossover and the lower switch back. This effort is a long term endeavor and we will keep chipping away at it to maintain our **First Class Rail Road.** **Bob Brooks**

I've been working on the railroad

Kyler Stevenson*, Ken Matassa*, George Shearer, Jeff Garrett, Jayson Stevenson*, Gary Sharp*, Willie Johnson, Jack Young, Andy Romer, Joe Hayes*, Carolyn Hayes*, Bob Brooks*, Gary Kimble*, Mel Bresee, Matthew Petrovich*, Larry Ogle*, Christine Steinmetz*, Anthony Steinmez*, Lori Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Grain Okun*, Allen Stephens*, Terry Cummings*, Eric Engle, Jason Cohen, Dalton Johnson*, Dixon Sheldon*, Bob Osborne, Myron Peterson, Bob Harrison*, Kevin Engle, Stefanie Drake*, Betty Cummings*, Ray Hill, Lois Taube* and Art Barter



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 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"



4th of July Campout

My steamer is back in service and some of the members who helped me rebuild it were operating her.

We had the electric, diesels and the steamer enjoying the rails. As Bob Brooks lays more track my loco is running without ringing the bell.

We had a great potluck and everyone brought what they wanted and we had more than enough of everything. One person brought some chicken and when it was over it was gone, they thought this was a bad thing and they should have brought more, nope everyone enjoyed it.

I thought someone had brought in some of my Bark, nope it was a cake to die for. Gary got his potato salad. So there was not a hungry face in the crowd.

Each day was different On Monday we saw plenty of fireworks, we even saw a coyote in the evening hours. We watched fireworks until after 9 pm. The local fireworks went into the wee hours.

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New Member

Please welcome a new member to OCME, Dennis Neil of Garden Grove. Many of you may have met him during our July Public Run days, but if you did not please introduce yourselves.

4th of July Continued

Kathy and Louie talked about a ping-pong shooter for the next event in October. They brought it in the next weekend and wow it was great. This will add to the things for the kids to do at the Scarecrow Festival.

Everyone in our group has hidden talents other than the trains. This is just one example. So next year if you are around plan to come out to the railroad and have a fun event. Every 4th that I have attended has been different than the last one and this one was fun too.

Happy railroading

Dixon Sheldon

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