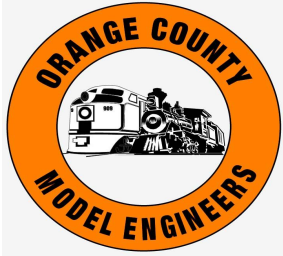




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Track Talk

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On Saturday we replaced Track 3 at the Station which was about 310'. After lunch we replaced a damaged section of the lead into Skinner Yard. The old wooden ties could not withstand the force of the locomotives and bent the aluminum rail. This whole section of track is scheduled for replacement beginning on January 5, 2019. The work crew consisted of Gary Gorman, Jeff Garrett, Andy Romer, Luis Aguirre, Mark Johnson, Zack Jones, David Smith, Adam Dupre and Jeff Summers.

Our tentative work schedule for the following months is:

Saturday December 1, 2018: Replace Switch 1.34, located south of the West Wye; Replace Switch 8.49 located east of the Trestle.

Saturday January 5, 2019: Begin replacing approximately 350 feet of track and 3 switches on the "Turntable" Lead beginning at Switch 8.49 including approximately 60 feet of Crossover track.

Saturday February 2, 2019: Complete the "Turntable" Lead.

CONTINUED IN CLASSIFICATION YARD

**Special Events
This Month**

- ◆ Public Run Day's
- ◆ Work Day

Riders This Month

2859

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 1**
 Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house
 Board Meeting 3:00
- Dec 15-16**
 Sat. & Sun Public Run
Jan 5
 Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house.
 Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting
Jan 19-20
 Sat. & Sun Public Run

A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY PRESIDENT GEORGE SHEARER



Hi everyone!

With daylight hours getting shorter we closed out another successful month here at OCME. Aside from the club work day we had a terrific public run and there was something for everyone to get involved with.

Club Work Day was a nice warm clear day which allowed for more track work and

miscellaneous work around the compound. The 596 is still down with Glen Swain and others working hard to get the wheels replaced. Also, the park is still very dry, so watch those flames.

We had another sunny weekend for the public run with temperatures in the mid-80's. The attendance was great! The run was busy with trains as well as games, arts and crafts, face painting and a host of other activities for the kids to celebrate the Halloween holiday. We also had the OC Stewards host a community Scarecrow display alongside the tracks just north of the station. We ended up pulling 1460 people on Saturday and 1399 people on Sunday for a grand total of 2859 people! This was our second largest attendance for the year.

The annual Fall Meet held during the last weekend of September was enjoyable and well attended by our members and members of other local train clubs. There were numerous examples of motive power such as diesel, electric and of course, live steam. Due to the good publicity efforts by our event coordinator, Gary Gorman, this was the largest attendance seen by outside clubs in recent years. I'd also like to thank the many regular club members that volunteered and assisted Gary in making this event the success that it was.

Just another reminder, Board elections are just around the corner. We will have two positions open in 2019. Any regular adult member in good standing can run for a board position. If anyone is interested in running for a board position just send Paul Hammond an email so he can get your name on the ballot.

On behalf of myself and the other board members, we'd like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the club!

High Iron By Bob Harrison



The Annual Scarecrow & Pumpkin Festival, our second major Fall Operations event, took place on Public Ride Weekend Oct. 20-21. This event was a complete success (2018 Scarecrow & Pumpkin Festival).

In order to eliminate logistical problems distributing the pumpkins, we tried a different approach this year. This year the pumpkins were staged in the compound and loaded onto

gondolas. The gondolas were then moved to the siding south of the station and distributed directly to the kids over the fence. This allowed empty gondolas moved to the compound for reloading and then back to the siding for further distribution. This worked very well.

We had about 2,900 riders for the weekend resulting in large line backups. To alleviate these line backups, we began loading and unloading two trains at the same time. This allowed the people to have a much shorter wait and worked well, but we need to do some fine tuning.

The last major Operations event for the Year is our Annual Christmas (Santa Claus) Public Ride Weekend Dec, 15-16. Planning is nearing completion for this event. Check the website for current information.

I've been working on the railroad

Bob Harrison*, Ken Matassa*, Hank Castignetti, Gary Kimble*, Joe Hayes*, Carolyn Hayes*, Gary Gorman*, Matthew Petrovich*, Josh Neil*, Sara Carrillo*, Dennis Neil*, Craig Okun*, Larry Ogle*, Jeff Garrett, Kyler Stevenson*, Zach Jones*, Luis Aguirre*, Kathy Brokhausen*, Terry Cummings*, Glenn Swain*, Eli Carrillo, Lori Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Allen Stephens*, Teffany, John & Alex Buchanan, Jayson Steenson*, Dixon Sheldon*, Lori Tolan, Kevin Tolan*, Jeff Tolan George Shearer, Betty Cummings*, Stephanie Drake, Dave Bowen, Terry Koken*, Adam Dupre, Andy Romer, Lois Taube, Robert Platfoot, Nelida Platfoot, Robert Platfoot Jr, Dane Smith & Steve Hanrahan



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"



TRACK TALK CONTINUED

Saturday March 2, 2019: Begin replacing approximately 450 feet of track and 3 switches on the "Skinner Yard" Lead beginning at Switch 8.35. including approximately 60 feet of Crossover track.

Saturday April 6, 2019: Complete the "Skinner Yard" Lead.

The next project will be to replace all of the Mountain Division which will

include:

- Replace approximately 2,700 feet of mainline
- Replace approximately 400 feet of sidings
- Replace 6 switches
- Repair & rebuild 8 drainage culverts.

These projects will require building about 400 track panels and 14 switches. As you can see, we are not at a lost for work to do on the railroad. Thank you all for your unwavering support.

By Gary Gorman (In for Bob Brooks)



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Attention on the Railroad

Burrowing Owl

The Burrowing Owl is a migratory bird. We are on the Pacific Flyway, so we have Burrowing Owls stopping for generally short periods of time. Our Burrowing Owl has moved on and the North Loop is back in full operation.



Bob Harrison, OCME VP Operations, thanking CMFD Captain Rob Gagne and President of the Costa Mesa Fire Fighters Association for their generous contribution of over 1,000 pumpkins for the Scarecrow and Pumpkin Festival.

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2018 Scarecrow & Pumpkin Festival

We would like to thank all of you that were able to attend and participate in this outstanding event. We had a great turnout both days and provided nearly 2,900 rides to the public. The Costa Mesa Fire Fighters Association provided over 1,000 pumpkins which were distributed to our young riders by Zak Jones and his friends.

The Orange County Earth Stewards coordinated the Scarecrow Festival and Contest again this year and had a booth educating the public about the nature in Fairview Park. We had about 25 scarecrows which was our largest number ever.

The city also had several displays with information about the community. These displays included:

1. Costa Mesa City Parks Information Booth
2. Costa Mesa Fire Department (CMFD) Officers and Truck
3. Costa Mesa Police Department (CMPD) Officers and Vehicles
4. Costa Mesa pumpkin Painting Booth

The following groups also participated:

1. Arts and crafts for kids ~ Carolyn Hayes
2. Face painting ~Tiffany Buchanan
3. Wanda the Witch Decorations and Them Bones, Them Bones Kids Games ~ Kathy Brokhausen & Luis Aguirre
4. Build & Fly your own Model Rocket ~ Rocketeers
5. Build & Fly your own Model Pumpkin Glider ~ Harbor Soaring Society

Thank you all for your support.

Dixon Sheldon
OCME Event Coordinator

Bob Harrison
OCME VP Operations

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Our railroad is located in Fairview Park, 2480 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA.

If you have any for sale items please send the info to ocmenews@aol.com

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