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Track Talk

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We continue to make progress replacing old sections of track. In March we had two Work Days. On the 9th about 160' of track was laid from the culvert towards Skinner Yard, and two switches were replaced. On the 30th about another 180 feet track was laid from switch #905 to the Turntable Deck and switch # 904 was replaced.

As always, a big thank you to the track crew; Jeff Garrett, Andy Romer, Lori & Mark Johnson, Zack Jones, David Smith, Adam & Chase Dupre, Terry Koken, Gary Corman, Myron Peterson, and Gary Kimble.

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On our next Work Day we plan to begin replacing the Skinner Yard Lead from Switch 8.40, near the gravel pit, to the first crossover, Switch 908, a distance of about 180 feet. We will continue in the future to connect this lead to the Turntable. Future tasks will include replacing the lead into the birthday siding.

Thanks for your continued support in my absence. It's good to be back. Bob Brooks

Special Events This Month

- ◆ Public Run Day's
- ◆ Work Day

Riders This Month

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6

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

April 20 -21

Sat. & Sun Public Run

May 4

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

May 18-19

Sat. & Sun Public Run



A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY PRESIDENT GARY GORMAN

If you have not been out on the railroad lately, you owe it to yourself to visit. With all the winter rains, the park is overwhelmed with new growth. Hop on a train and travel through “valleys” of flowers. The grasses are so tall you cannot see around some curves. There are acres of mustard plants, Lupin, wild radish, bush sunflower, western sage and many more. Stop along the way and smell and taste some of these plants. Bring your camera & enjoy this magnificent bloom while it lasts.

OCME was at the Great Train Show on March 1, 2 & 3 at the Orange County Fairgrounds. Our “booth” was 25’ wide by 150’ long, located in the breezeway which gave us enough room for two parallel tracks about 120’ each and a siding. We ran the 214 Switcher and the “Plum Cove” back & forth pulling a few cars. Jeff Garrett brought his beautifully restored 4-4-0 American Steamer and had a head of steam up for a short time. Apparently, the hand water pump failed so the engine made a great static display. New members Dennis & Diane Cascarelli brought their new “Galloping Goose”. It was still in the shipping crate when they arrived at the show and did not have an opportunity to obtain & connect batteries so the unit made another wonderful display. We handed out hundreds of our brochures and one family joined the club. We also distributed a number of membership applications, so we hope to see new members. Our crew included Jeff Garrett, Gretchen Gorman, Zack Jones & friends, Adam & Chase Dupre, Dalton Johnson (DJ), Dennis & Diane Cascarelli, Ken Matassa, Hank & Diane Castignetti, Joe & Carolyn Hayes, Gary Kimble, Bob Harrison, Andy Nelson & Allen Stephens. Thanks to all that helped make this a success.

I am very happy to report that Bob Brooks is back and is continuing his project of replacing all of our older track. He can always use more help so please join us on work days.

We are always in need of help running trains, building & repairing track & switches, painting our facilities and a host of other tasks. Please contact any of our Board Members

High Iron By Bob Harrison



On Sat. Mar. 23rd we hosted a second group of 50 Sunburst Youth Academy cadets to perform work assignments at our facility. We had four members to help direct the cadets through the Academy staff. The following activities took place:

1. The compound was cleaned and weeds pulled at the direction of Ken Matassa.
2. Kevin and Jeff Tolan did a great job trimming the large growth along the entire right-of-way.
3. Along the right-of-way starting north bound from the Station, around the north loop, and back to the Station grass and weeds were removed between the rails. Anise plants and tumble weeds were removed beside the rails under the direction of Dixon Sheldon.
4. Along the right-of-way starting from Skinner Yard, around the Mehren Water Tower, through the wyes, and back to the Station grass and weeds were removed between the rails. Anise plants and tumble weeds beside the rails under the direction of Bob Harrison.
5. Zach Jones again drove the maintenance train and directed his crew to pick up the bagged trash.

The City of Costa Mesa has a crew cutting the growth along the trails. This will help in safely running our trains.

CONTINUED IN CLASSIFICATION YARD

I've been working on the railroad

Thank You to our Runday Crews



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 714-745-6845 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**

SEE CLASSIFICATION YARD



Classification Yard "Where things get sorted out"

HIGH IRON CONTINUED

With our large amount of vegetation growing very high, It is imperative that all engineers observe the rule of signaling at **ALL** grade crossings (whistle: long-long-short-long).

The OCME Operating Rules state in Section C.1.1 that engineers operating trains during public events must be at least 18 years of age. This applies to



Public Run Days, Birthday Parties, and other such events using Club equipment. This will be strictly enforced!

Please remember that all abnormal activities (e.g. derailments, track problems, equipment damage, etc.) are to be reported on the "Incident Form" and left in the Incident Folder located in the club house on the rack to the right as you enter the door. If there is damaged equipment, Red Tag it and record that on the "Incident Form" and on the white board on the front of the club house noting the location of the damaged equipment.

Fumigation could not be performed on the equipment in Containers A & B when the other portions of the compound were treated. Containers A & B could not be sealed due to the track preventing door closure. The equipment in Contain C was exchanged with equipment requiring fumigation from Containers A & B and fumigation will take place April 8-10.



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Attention on the Railroad

DVD & VCR NEEDED

The club would like to upgrade some of the creature comforts in the clubhouse. Our video system has finally died leaving us with a library of tapes that can't be viewed.

If anyone has an unused VCR or DVD player they could donate we would love to have them. Even a CD player would be a welcomed addition.

If you can help please contact Hank.

Thank you!

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Classification Yard “Where things get sorted out.”

By Hank Castignetti

NEW MEMBERS

Please join me in welcoming our newest members! Be sure to introduce yourself to these folks when you meet them at the club.

➤ **ALEX ACUNA**

Alex has rejoined the club after a long absence and hopes to become active once again! Welcome Back!

➤ **MATHEW REXROAD FAMILY**

Mathew, his wife Samantha, and their 5 ½ year old son Oliver joined us in March. They are from Fullerton and we hope to see them soon at the club!

➤ **TIM CULLY**

Tim also joined in March and lives in Fountain Valley. We’re glad to have you with us Tim!

We now have 101 memberships comprising of 172 individuals!

BENCH CAR UPDATE

7 more bench cars need bearings serviced and will be completed in the next few weeks. Soon after all the bearings are serviced DJ will embark on checking and replacing coupler springs. We’ve had a few cases of BROKEN coupler springs on bench cars. Lurching starts and sudden stops are the culprit....please be more careful!

CLUB AUCTION

The club will be holding an auction of unused, unneeded, abandoned, and obsolete equipment. The auction will be held the afternoon of Saturday April 27th during the Spring Fun Run. The variety of items is sizable and the final list will be available on the morning of the auction. The list includes:

- *2 drill presses *10 boxes of Christmas lights (unused) *a new trailer hitch (still in the box)
- *2 horizontal propane tanks *2 push lawn mowers (salvage engines) *13.5 HP Craftsman riding mower
- *3.5 HP chipper *Pressure washer engine (Briggs & Stratton) *Wagner paint sprayer *Small utility trailer
- *Sports field chalk striper *Homemade horizontal drill press *Assorted masonry tools
- *Boxes of assorted nails *Hose reel *Retractable shop light reel *2 HP/ 800 Watt Chicago electric generator

All items will be on display in the compound and will be cash and carry to the highest bidder.

AD HOC BOARD VOTES

Often decisions need to be made between Board meetings and when a quorum of Board members are present at the club, verbal votes are taken. These verbal votes may not be noted in the minutes of a Board meeting but the membership needs to be aware of the expenditure of club funds through this process. Such has been the case this month when votes were taken by a quorum of members present at the club.

1. \$4600 was authorized for the purchase of new ties
2. \$900 was authorized for the purchase a truck load of ballast.
3. Hank was appointed Orange County Model engineers Liaison to the Fairview Park Steering Committee.
4. \$750 was authorized for completing the termite fumigation of all the cars in containers A & B.

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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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