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Track Talk

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The track crew came out on 24 August 2019 for an extra work day. Two switches and about 100 feet of track were laid. This will allow the trains to by-pass Platfoot yard when this inner mainline is completed. The hard working gang included Adam and Chase Dupre, Jeff Garrett, Andy Romer, Mark Johnson, Terry Koken, and Dedan and Darren Henery. Later on the September work day, Adam Dupre led a crew that cross leveled Higgens. A much needed exercise. We also need to note that Mark Johnson and Zack Jones have been working this summer balasting/tamping and cross leveling areas of track that needed attention. Thanks for your continued support.
Bob Brooks

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Special Events This Month

- ◆ Public Run Day's
- ◆ Work Day

Riders This Month

3427

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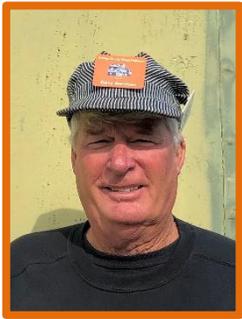
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 2
 Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house
 Board Meeting 3:00
Nov 16-17
 Sat. & Sun Public Run
Dec 7
 Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house.
 Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting
Dec 21-22
 Sat. & Sun Public Run



A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY PRESIDENT GARY GORMAN

The Scarecrow Festival was a resounding success. Over the two-day event, we gave 3,477 passenger rides. While not a club record, it was close. The Costa Mesa Firefighters and Police Officers Associations donated almost 600 pumpkins for the event, and they were gone by noon on Sunday. Riders obtained pumpkin tickets at the store then boarded a train for a journey to the “Pumpkin Patch” which was set up at the “Birthday Siding” After selecting their pumpkins, they “Checked In” their pumpkins, the “Clerk” wrote the ticket number on

the bottom of the pumpkin, and a “Porter” put the pumpkin in the “Baggage Car” (a gondola at the back of the train). When the train arrived at the station, another “Porter” moved the pumpkins to the “Baggage Claim” area where our visitors claimed their “Baggage”. A great time was had by all.

The City monitored the Scarecrow voting process and by noon on Saturday, they had already used the 100 Ballots they brought. A call was made and several hours later another 200 ballots were delivered. Ultimately, over 350 ballots were cast for Scarecrows!

The thing that touched me most on this weekend, was **44 (FORTY-FOUR)** OCME members that came out, over the two days to make this event happen. From the bottom of my hearty, I thank each and every one of you. What makes this a **FIRST-CLASS RAILROAD** is not only great trackage & facilities, but **YOU**, the membership that keep this Club moving forward.

We are now heading into the Christmas Season & this year we will be hosting **SANTA'S ADVENTURE**. The plan is to operate the event similar to the Scarecrow Festival in that the Birthday Siding will be the North Pole and the train route will be similar. We will be staffing the photo booth for pictures with Santa and, of course we will need volunteers to make this event as successful as the Scarecrow Festival. We will be sending out an e-mail that will define the operation and provide a sign-up sheet. When you receive the e-mail please let us know what days & hours you will be available. I look forward to making this another successful OCME event.

Happy Railroading
Gary Gorman

High Iron By Bob Harrison



The **September Run Weekend** was a really great event. The unveiling of our new locomotive, the 819, officially took place at 9:30 just prior to the start of run day. All of the Costa Mesa City Officials consisting of the Mayor, Mayor ProTeam, City Council Members, and Park Officials, were present. As a gesture of our gratitude for their support, all were made OCME Honorary Members.

The **October Run Weekend (Pumpkin & Scarecrow Festival)** was a tremendously successful event. We had approximately 3,500 riders which was a near record and a record of over 30 Scarecrows. (which was actually a City event). This would not have been possible without the help of many of our members and other groups. Some of those who participated were:

- Pumpkin Donations from the Costa Mesa Firefighters and Police Officers Associations
- Costa Mesa Fire Department
- Costa Mesa Police Department
- Mesa Mobile Recreation
- Crafts for Kids by Carolyn
- Them Bones, Them Bones with Wanda the Witch and Her Kids Play Time by Kathy
- Thanks to Zach Jones for his Friends:

- Christopher Fourcher, Jordan Dore, Russell Liu,
- Adam Frankhouse, Sean Nichols & Michael McCullough

For their help in the Pumpkin Patch and wherever else needed

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I've been working on the railroad

Derek Marsden, Jim Marsden, Allen Stephens*, Terry Koken*, Dennis Neil*, Joshua Neil*, Jeff Garrett*, Gary Kimble*, Ken Matassa*, Nicholas Hanvahon, Steve Hanvahon, Lori Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Craig Okun*, George Shearer, Lois Aguirre*, Terry Cummings*, Bob Brooks*, Gary Gorman*, Gretchen Gorman*, Kyler Stevenson*, Jayson Stevenson*, Hailey Stevenson, Dixon Sheldon, Bob Harrison*, Dalton Johnson*, Joe Hayes*, Carolyn Hayes*, Gary Dutra, Zach Jones*, Paul Hammond, Betty Cummings*, Kevin Tolan, Jeff Tolan, Lori Tolan, Larry Ogle, Anthony Steinmetz*, Christian Steinmetz*, Stefania Drake*, Kathy Brookhausen*, Lois Taube, Dane Smith, Sue Garrett



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**

Thank You to all the Birthday Party Crews



Classification Yard "Where things get sorted out"



The **Sunburst Youth Academy** had 50 cadets at Goat Hill, on **Saturday, August 3rd** and another 48 on **Saturday, September 7th**. They removed weeds along the railroad right-of-way and spent the majority of their time during the second visit on the Mountain Division which now looks great. This last visit makes a total of four this year, which is the most in one year, and have requested to extend this to six next year.

The **2019 Fall Meet** took place **September 27th – 29th** and thanks to Larry Ogle and his crew was well attended. The highlight of the weekend was the appearance of a

4½" Scale Locomotive pulling 2½" Rolling Stock on our 7½" gage layout. I rode on the train and found the ride to be extremely comfortable and smooth. The train crew complemented OCME for having one of the best and smoothest layouts they have ridden on.

The final large Operations event of the year is our **2019 December Run Weekend – December 21st – 22nd (The Annual Christmas and Santa Festival)**. The highlight of the event is, of course, Santa. We will also have a professional photographer to take great pictures with Santa. There will also be activities for the kids so keep watching the website.

The field trip to visit **Russ Green's M&R Orchard Railroad (MROR)** took place Sat. and Sun. Oct. 12th - 13th. Russ, and son Chris, hosted about 50 OCME members, MROR volunteers, and guests for lunch and dinner on Sat. and breakfast on Sun. OCME brought two locomotives and MORO also brought two locomotives to run on his incredible 7,000 ft. backyard layout. The weather was perfect and a great time was had both days.



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Classification Yard “Where things get sorted out.”

By Hank Castignetti

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

2019 has been a banner year for new members. So far we have had seventeen new memberships totaling thirty six individuals. Many of our new members are regularly participating in club activities and we welcome them with open arms!

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members.

Ayaka Segawa and husband Mitsuru and their children Yuto (13) and Shiori (11)
Irvine



Rich Barrientos
Mission Viejo



“We look forward to seeing you at the club soon!”

BURROWING OWLS RETURN

Two burrowing owls have been spotted on the club side of Fairview Park in the last two weeks. They return to the park each fall and spend the winters here until vegetation grows too high for them to feel secure from predators. Last year a state biologist was enlisted to trap, band and release a number of owls that were residing in the park. No one is quite sure where the Park, nor where they migratory patterns can be better understood through subsequent observation by bird watchers throughout the state. Please let Hank know if you see and of these endangered critters so the information can be passed on the resident park biologist who will look for possible bands and keep track of their location. Last year some seven owls were observed in the park after many years of total absence and is a positive sign as a result of the city’s restoration efforts.



ELECTION REMINDER

The deadline for returning completed ballots is November 15th. You may drop them in the mailbox in the clubhouse or mail envelope supplied. Please be aware that RETURNED IN THE PRE-ADDRESSED COUNTED. Our by-laws require that in the supplied small envelope as a ballots are counted there must be an envelopes to ballots. Also, as noted on the renewal application, please do not return the membership renewal form in the envelope with your ballot.



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WANTED: SANTA CLAUS

The club is in need of a Santa Claus for our annual Christmas event in December. If there is a member jolly enough fill the shoes of Ol' Saint Nick we would love to put you on the payroll for this seasonal position. The hours are December 21st and 22nd from 10:00AM to 2:30PM. You will receive part-time benefits; however the club will supply your uniform as well as transportation to and from the North Pole by train. Interested individuals may apply in person or online to Gary Gorman, Director of Human Resources, at gary_gorman@ymail.com.



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FOR SALE

Due to my age and health, I want to sell these engines and get them into the hands of a fellow enthusiast who will cherish them as much as I did.

Marie Estelle Locomotive: This engine is **NOT** finished. This engine is for someone who has the time and the tools to finish getting it running. I have all the tooling that was used to make the parts thus far. The engine was written up in Live Steam magazine. I have copies of all the articles as well as the blue prints.

Two Cylinder Steam Launch Engine: I was going to use this to power a 20 foot steam boat The engine is complete and I can run it on air. As far as I can tell, it may be a SWAN engine.

Prices on both engines are negotiable. Call or text me for an appointment to inspect them.

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