



## Attention on the Railroad

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We're on the Web!  
[www.ocmetrains.org](http://www.ocmetrains.org)

We will be camping for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, July 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday thru the 6<sup>th</sup>

We will BBQ so bring something to share and whatever meat you want to cook for Friday and Saturday nights. We will also have trains out on the bluff for fireworks viewing. Be sure to bring a flashlight it gets mighty dark at night.

DIXON

## Meeting Summary

Board Summary  
6/6/15

During our General meeting everyone was grateful for all the work DJ and Hank put in to make Spring Meet a successful one. The Board is working with the city to allow us to treat a portion of the containers in the compound and the bridge for termites.

The Plum Cove locomotive is still out for repair, we hope to have it back in July.

The Jr. Members Caboose Project is still in process. The Jr. Members should keep working on it while Gary Dutra is unable to help at this time.

There is work to be done around our club from replacing track to fixing the water tower to maintaining our rolling stock. Did you know that OCME as part of its Operating Rules has an Active Participation Requirement? It does! "Active Participation Requirement: A minimum of 20 hours of qualified work credit accumulated every 6 months is needed to be eligible for track, facilities, or equipment usage and for train storage consideration. Members who run on the track on a regular basis, using either personal or club equipment, must meet the minimum requirement." Check out page 26 of our Operating Rules for more details. Our next work day and General Membership meeting will be on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and lend a hand.

### Continued From Presidents Section

Lee Weaver was also Treasurer at the time—at the end of each Run Day, Lee & Sandra Weaver, Bob & Marilyn Donnelly and Lee & Lois Taube would close the door to the store, set up a card table, and start counting money. Sandra counted the store sales, and the rest counted the donation money and rolled coins! Some of the other early volunteers to work in the store included Margie Anderson, Donna O'Conner, Carol Lacy, and Zatz Boenschein and Dick Zeleznikar.

About ten years ago, Lee & Sandra Weaver retired and moved to Arizona. Rowena Duong took over the management of the store for a couple years. When Rowena decided it was all too much for her (she had three small children), I took over. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful Harvey Girls who currently volunteer their time every Run Weekend to work in the store: Lois Taube (Lois has been working in the store since 1999!!), Stefanie Drake, Carolyn Hayes, and Lori Johnson. I also appreciate Christine Steinmetz and Lori Tolan being "on call" if we need a sub! It takes a village – and we have a great one! Also, a big thank you to Lois Taube and Lori Tolan for helping me fill in the details on our "mercantile" history." **Betty Cummings**

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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](mailto:ocmenews@aol.com)**

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### Special Events

- ◆ Work Day
- ◆ Public Run Day's

### Riders This Month

# 2070

YTD 16,140

## What's Happening

[www.ocmetrains.org](http://www.ocmetrains.org)

The club had a very successful work day on June 6, 2015. Birthday parties were conducted, switches were built, track was laid, and reclaimed track panels were disassembled. The dedicated members were Bob Osborne, Mel Bresee, George Shearer, Mark and Lorie Johnson, Ken Matassa, Anthony and Christine Steinmetz, Jeff Garrett, John Manning, Craig Okun, Gary Kimbal, Gary Sharp, Dan O'Brien, Paul Hammond, Larry Ogle, Myron Peterson, Terry Cummings, Dixon Sheldon, Russ Maguire, Joe Hays, Bob Brooks, and Luis Aguirre (new member-first day in the club and laid track all day). The crew laid 130 feet of track on the horse shoe. Next work day will be July 11<sup>th</sup>. It is delayed one week because of July 4<sup>th</sup>. At this time we would like to complete the horse shoe by laying 2 switches and 12 curved track panels.

**Bob Brooks**

## 2015 O.C.M.E. Board of Directors

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### July 11

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

#### July 18-19

Sat. & Sun Public Run

#### Aug 1

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

#### Aug 15-16

Sat. & Sun Public Run

Bob Brooks .....(562) 429-8325  
Dixon Sheldon.....(909)861-8810  
Ken Matassa..... (714)547-2093  
Russ Maguire.....(562)799-0052  
Paul Hammond.....(818)620-3480

### Appointed Officers:

**Mackerel Flats Mercantile Store Co-Mgrs:**

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## A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY Bob Brooks

This month we have the pleasure of reading Betty Cummings's article on the Goat Hill Junction & Mackerel Flats Mercantile store and the wonderful club members that give generously of their time.

"On behalf of all of the Harvey Girls (Betty Cummings, Stefanie Drake, Lois Taube, Carolyn Hayes and Lori Johnson), I would like to invite you to check out your Goat Hill Junction & Mackerel Flats Mercantile!! You may not know that we sell many items for

you—the member! We have custom OCME hatpins, magnets, patches and decals! We also have a large stock of youth-sized OCME tee shirts that would be perfect gifts for your children or grandchildren! The store is stocked with lots and lots of train related toys and gifts that the children in your life will love, as well. All profits go directly back to the club! Coffee, doughnuts and bottled water are provided free for the members on the Public Run weekends—**please come to the back window** and we will be happy to serve you!

**A LITTLE OCME HISTORY** . . . The Mackerel Flat's "Mercantile" began long ago when member, Ben Viola and his wife, started selling merchandise and serving hot dogs, hamburgers and nachos out of their motor home in the parking lot on the Run Weekends. The health department got wind of that arrangement and promptly brought the enterprise to an end.

In June, 1999, the current store was completed. Hank Hornsveld donated the electrical components. The City of Costa Mesa donated the fixtures, including the toilets and sinks. Lee and Sandra Weaver took over the management.

In the early days, merchandise was set up outside, under a tent. Lee Weaver brought his popcorn machine and sold fresh popcorn. Angie Platfoot, Jean Trom and Janet Trom "manned" the exterior sales, while the other ladies worked inside. Lee Taube brought his TransVan over at night, parking next to the tent and slept in the van to keep an eye on things. **CONTINUED ON LAST PAGE**

## Sheldon's Corner



Well we had a good weekend with the Fish and gave rides to many happy people.

As we improve our security we are changing some of our locks the compound will have a new set of locks starting on the next general meeting if you will be needing access to the compound see Dixon for a key. The general meeting will be the week after the 4<sup>th</sup>.

We are going to tent some areas of the club for termites so if you happen to come out on these days do not enter the tented areas do another job that day.

The Caboose project is coming along Mark Johnson and Dalton Johnson have been painting anything that does not move. The tow car for the extended flat cars the one that is used

for towing the switches, stands out with black and yellow stripes. The caboose frame and wheels are now gloss black. Also the couplers got it too.

And yes the Sweet Creek is getting closer thanks to many members helping me. The fuel gauges will be done this week the fuel lines are 90% done we are finishing the air brakes. So it is coming together. We lit the fire Patrick made me a burner that works much better than the old one I had. Several people said they heard the whistle the other day.

I am trying to finish all of the ideas you have given me over the years I only have a few months left.

If you are saving that special recipe send it to Joe Hayes we need more recipes to finish up our book please send 4 more if each person sends these 4 it will complete the book. Please do not send in ones from a cook book we cannot publish these.

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Thank you for all of the help to make this a better railroad.

**Dixon Sheldon**

## I've been working on the railroad

Ken Matassa\*, Bob Brooks\*, George Shearer, Anthony Steinmetz\*, Christine Steinmetz, Mark Johnson\*, Lori Johnson\*, Gary Kimble\*, Joey Hayes\*, Carolyn Hayes\*, Bob Platfoot\*, Russell Maguire\*, Dean Zeeman\*, Dixon Sheldon\*, Paul Hammond\*, Craig Okun, Andy Romer, Stefanie Drake\*, Bob Harrison\*, Joe Steinmetz, Bob Osborne, Mike Springer, Lois Taube, Dalton Johnson, Simon Manning, John Manning, Jerry Platfoot, Donna & Kevin O'Conor



## 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 Hank Castignetti [hanksterc@aol.com](mailto:hanksterc@aol.com) or call Dixon Sheldon 909-861-8810

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**

**Hank Castignetti, Anthony Steinmetz, Larry Ogle, Jack Young,  
Dixon Sheldon & Bob Harrison,**



## Tips from Chuckles



Gary Kimble has offered to improve any engineer who would like to learn to not slap couplers. This is our equipment and we should treat it as our own. We have certification cards that will be signed off as you complete each engine. These will also be signed off as you learn other equipment like the mower or tractor. All engineers have taken the safety course that Gary Sharp set up many years ago. So come out and learn the techniques of each engine and improve your skills.

All engineers and conductors have made each run day better and better. We have eyes everywhere and if we see an issue on another train speak up and let the other train crew know what you saw.

Note when operating the speeder if you need to stop allow enough room to slow down we had to replace the transmission on it. Slamming on the brakes caused this repair.

When putting equipment away make sure to turn off the electric and place the engines in neutral (Gary will show you how) By doing this it will reduce replacing batteries.