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Track Talk

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We're coming around the bend on the Water Tower loop. Work Day saw 20 track panels laid on the Water Tower loop, switch building, track disassembly, weed abatement, exterior light maintenance, and birthday parties being performed by the club's gandy dancers. Andy Romer, Gary Sharp, Lori and Mark Johnson, George Shearer, Jeff Garrett, Ken Matassa, Larry Ogle, Jayson and Kyler Stevenson, Mel Bresee, Jack Young, Bob Harrison, Craig Okun, Glenn Swain, Paul Hammond, Allen Stephens, Bob Brooks, Gary Kimble, Willie Johnson, Bob Osborne, Myron Peterson, Luis Aguirre, and Mike and Donna Springer were the tireless workers. There was discussion at the general meeting about the age requirements for members to operate locomotives when the public is on site. This is a topic of continuing interest to members. Also feeding animals in the compound was discussed. They are getting very friendly and hanging around to close to us. We asked the members to not feed the animals so they will stay away from the clubhouse. They do carry diseases and we don't want them in the club house. So please refrain from feeding the animals in the compound; however cute they are. This does not apply to Bob Brooks. He has had all his shots and can eat in the compound. **Bob Brooks**

Special Events This Month

- ◆ Public Run Day's
- ◆ Work Day

Riders This Month

2814

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 4**
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house
Board Meeting 3:00
- June 18-19**
Sat. & Sun Public Run
- July 9**
Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house.
Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00
- July 16-17**
Sat. & Sun Public Run



A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY PRESIDENT BOB BROOKS

This month we have made progress in several areas of the club. The Spring Meet was a great success. See the input in another section of the Way Freight. A good time was had by all the attendees. The May run weekend was a very well attended by the public with ample support from club members. See the list in "I've been working on the railroad". On Saturday May 21st we had 1469 riders and on Sunday May 22nd we had 1349 riders for a total of 2818 riders.

The weather was great. We look forward to even more riders this summer. Jayson and Kyler Stevenson have just finished a great job of rehabilitating the Santa Fe. It really looks good. Mike and Donna Springer have taken on the task of building us a new track jig for building straight track panels. Mark Johnson and Dixon Sheldon rebuilt the motor on the compressor. Mark is gaining a lot of experience in maintaining the club infrastructure. Ben Renard has rebuilt trucks on the 509 and the 596 locomotives. All the club work horse locomotives are now in service. Thanks to all the members who give of their talents to making this a **First Class Rail Road**.

Hank Hornsveld donated his American Locomotive to OCME. We thank Hank for his generous gift. Hank is a Life and Founding member of the club. He is responsible for the club's trestle and also bought and donated the first storage container to the club. Without his and other founding member's hard work and gifts the club would not exist today. Thanks again Hank.

There was a break-in to the compound on Saturday April 30 at night. Nothing was stolen and the thief did not get into any of the locked containers. We think he was scared away when the alarm sounded as he tried to jimmy the club house door. He walked around for about an hour looking into the metal sheds and broke the locks off the wooden sheds. We captured him on video and the police took a report. We also had a drill motor stolen by a high school student last month also captured on video. The fire dept. was called last month when some students lit a fire up by the birthday siding. These city agencies want us to call them whenever we have an incident so they can take a report and hopefully stop these things from happening. If you see something, report it. The city needs to know what is happening in the park.

Bob Brooks

High Iron By Hank Castignetti



Spring Meet Report

We had a great turnout of members for our 2016 Spring Meet, along with guests from Chula Vista, Ridgecrest and Torrance. The weather was magnificent with sunny days, cool nights and beautiful sunsets. There was lots of night running and

a number of steamers were fired up filling the park with the unmistakable smell of coal! The Friday night pot luck was a cornucopia of homemade delights and yet nearly 30 members and guests could only put a minor dent in the amount of food presented. The variety was spectacular! Homemade enchilada's, make-yourself Korean BBQ tacos, sweet and sour meatballs, chicken cacciatore, green chili casserole, potato salad, salsa, pasta salad, and some of the most delicious desserts imaginable. A hearty "THANK YOU" to everyone who participated in this culinary event.

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I've been working on the railroad

John Manning, Jack Young, Ken Matassa*, Gary Kimble*, Kyler Stevenson*, Jayson Stevenson*, Joe Hayes*, Carolyn Hayes*, Allen Stephens*, Anthony Steinmetz*, Christine Steinmetz*, Glenn Swain*, Bob Platfoot, Connor Dahl, Bob Brooks*, Gary Sharp*, Lori Johnson*, Mark Johnson*, Russell Maguire*, Larry Ogle*, Kevin Tolan, Paul Hammond*, Stefanie Drake*, Bob Osborne, Myron Peterson, George Shearer, Jeff Garrett, Willie Johnson, Dalton Johnson, Ray Hill, Lori Tolan & Jeff Tolan



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"



High Iron Continued

Thank You To Volunteers

Preparations for the Spring Meet began a few weeks ago with the mowing of the camping area, thanks DJ! The Thursday before the meet the "Party Train" was loaded with supplies and equipment in the compound and set out on the steaming

bays. This year the train was 11 cars long! On Friday the train was brought up to the campground, completely unloaded, and the entire field kitchen and eating area was set up. Easy-ups, bar-b-que, tables, sink, coolers, table cloths.....everything went like clockwork thanks to the many volunteers who showed up to help! While this was taking place, others prepared the compound for the arrival of guests and their equipment. When it was over, the site was broken down, cleaned up, and everything loaded onto the train with military precision. At the risk of leaving someone out, I'd like to thank the volunteers who worked so hard.... **JEFF SUMMERS, LARRY OGLE, GLENN SWAIN, BOB BROOKS, GARY KIMBLE, JEFF GARRETT, JAYSON STEVENSON, KEN MATASA, LORI JOHNSON, DALTON JOHNSON, CHRISTINE STEINMETZ, and the "Always Lovely" DIANE CASTIGNETTI. "THANK YOU" for making it all happen!**



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Attention on the Railroad

There will be camping over the July 4th weekend. The dates are 1 July to 5 July. Come in on Friday and out on Tuesday. There is also one change due to unforeseen circumstances. There will not be a pot luck organized by the club on July 3rd. Campers will be on their own for all meals. Remember work day is delayed one week until July 9th. Thanks for your understanding. **Bob Brooks**

Meeting Summary

New Members

OCME would like to welcome two new families to OCME. The first is Regina Birdsell and her son Mathew from Irvine. As well as Rob Goe and his children Steele and Axel from Newport Beach. Please make them feel welcome when you see them.

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