



*Central Oklahoma Chapter
of the National Railway Historical Society
Oklahoma Railway Museum Ltd,*

NARCOA Affiliate Member



Contractor appreciation day

by Gary Githens



Photograph by Raymond Woods

Some of the guests having lunch in the shop building.

Employees of Manhattan Road and Bridge, Sherwood Construction, Garys Concrete Cutting and Oklahoma Department of transportation were guests of the ORM on October 16th. Next spring employees of Allen Contracting will be ORM guests.

This event was to express ORM thanks for their assistance with the logo's and ballast.

Approximately 60 persons attended. We received many positive comments about the museum and the train ride.

Thanks to all the ORM volunteers who set up the tables and chairs then took them all down and returned them to storage.

A special thank you to Bob Hussey for furnishing the food for the meal. And thanks to ORM hot dog chef Larry Dodd for taking some time away from his retirement activities to cook for us.

Halloween train ride

by Gary Githens

The Halloween train ride event was a success because of the turnout and enjoyable costumes. Four birthday parties were also held.

A big special thanks to Dental Depot for sponsoring the event.

Mr. Troy Scott better know as "Smiley O'Riley" the Dental Depot clown was a major hit with guests and volunteers. Smiley O'Riley makes about 1000 appearances a year. He goes to schools, day cares and public events on behalf of Dental Depot to promote dental hygiene.

Dental Depot provided sacks to hand out to the kids which included new tooth brushes among other items.

Mr. Gaylon Zissa brought out two Dental Depot classic vehicles for display. This was done with considerable effort and we appreciate it Gaylon.

Dental Depot donated a baggage cart to the ORM.



Photograph by Raymond Woods

Baggage cart donated by Dental Depot being moved to the station platform. Thanks Dental Depot.

The President's Column



Fall is in the air as I write this. It has been a good summer; we have had a successful Thomas event and Halloween train. I want to again thank all of you that helped on those events. Now it is time to really get going on the Oklahoma City Train Show. Please contact Bob Cook if you can help at the show. The financial success of the Thomas event was an improvement from the prior year and we have voted to do it again next year at the same times. This is our largest fund raiser and allows us to do all kinds of projects that would be impossible without these funds.

The Halloween Trains were a new and improved version from last year. The Dental Depot was a Corporate Sponsor and helped us in many ways in improving the event. We had special pricing for all those in costume and many took us up on it. There should be a bunch of pictures from that in this issue of the dispatcher. The Dental Depot clown and their antique vehicles were a hit with the visitors. We plan to continue this next year.

Our Christmas Train will be on December 18. We will have 5 trains with readings of the Polar Express, singing of carols and visits by Santa. As usual we will have hot chocolate, cookies and candy canes for all the kids from 2 to 100. If you can help as a car host, chocolate maker or just an all around helper please contact Stan Hall and we will get you on the list.

I hope the best for all of you in this Holiday Season. Merry Christmas

Stan Hall

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Editor*

Christmas' past at the ORM



Museum Update

by Drake Rice

With a majority of the 2010 operations completed, only the Christmas Trains is remaining to close out the year. It has been a good year for ORM. The Halloween Trains turned out to be a big success for the museum. It will provide funds to help get through the winter which is the major repair time at the museum. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the Halloween Trains a success, with 585 passengers on the five (5) trains and a special thanks to our sponsor, Dental Depot of Oklahoma City and its Metro locations.

At the shop currently, the SW8, 2034 is in for its Brake Inspection and recertification and minor adjustments. CNW 7721 is getting a new paint job, which will really change the looks of the car. The "Blue" Car as we have called it all these years will become the 7721 chair car. This car has been undergoing major body repair for the past year. We are looking forward to getting in back in service in its new colors.

On the RIP Track is the UP Flat "the Open Car", in for some repairs and the maintenance crew has been working on it. Also on the RIP track is the Santa Fe Caboose, which is needing a paint job. The Caboose has been a project car for the Santa Fe Historical crew and they have done an excellent job. When completed, it will make a great car to bring up the markers on a movie Freight Train. Also the Conoco Box Car with one side primed will be getting some paint we hope in the future. It still needs some cleaning and priming to be done.

Charles Price and Bob Cossairt are taking on the Rock Island Caboose as a big project to make repairs to the car to get it back in shape. It's one of the cabooses that the RI made out of box cars years ago and has been in the ORM collection for many years. It is our recent "Movie Star" for the movie filmed this summer at ORM.

After many years of tripping over the

water hydrant in the sidewalk by the yard office, it has been moved to a location between the two trees and a line is being taken south for additional water access down on the locomotive storage track. Special thanks to Harry Currie for this effort.

The Train Show is our next big project, Ed Birch Jr., our Show Chairman has things organized as always and things are progressing. We need all ORM member to be sure and provide a few hours of help at the Train show again this year. Contact Bob Cook if you can help.

As always, if you can provide a few hours a month at the museum on Thursdays through Saturdays, the museum can use the help.



Oklahoma City Train Show

by Eric Berger

All Oklahoma Railway Museum members and supporters are being asked to volunteer a bit of their time to help out with setting up and running the 34th Annual Oklahoma City Train Show, Dec. 4 and 5, ORM's major annual fundraiser and one of America's top model railroad events.

"We really need folks on Friday to help get the vendors and displays into the building and set-up, starting at 9 a.m.," said Ed Birch Jr., who is again managing the show, with assistance from Bob Cook.

"It's pretty much general labor Friday, moving boxes and tables and setting things up," he continued. "On

Saturday and Sunday we need help to man the doors and sell admission tickets."

Another way to help would be to supply some of the 200 dozen cookies needed for the event.

Members willing to make a specific work commitment for the show should call Bob Cook at 943-8055. Non-members should instead contact Ed Birch at Whistle Stop Hobbies, 842-4846.

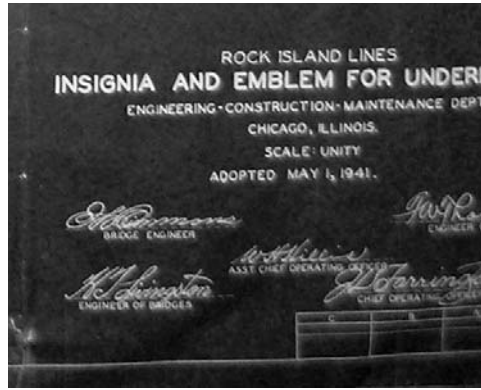
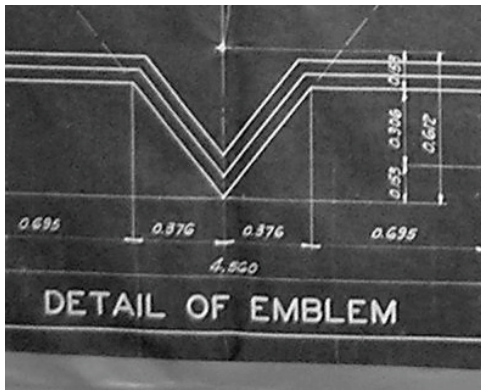
Anyone with questions about the show can contact Ed at the Whistle Stop. The store is open 10 a.m. to p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays, and currently from 1 to 5 p.m., Sundays.

Ed suggested that members try to park on the south side of the Travel and Transportation Building rather than try to vie for spaces with the horsemen in the north side parking lot.

The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. For the third year, the show will again offer the Great Train Set Giveaway, with complete train sets going to lucky children (under 12) every hour.

What is it officially called?



The title of the drawing shown in last months issue of the Dispatcher is “Detail of Emblem” as shown in the picture at far left. The Rock Island Lines drawing title block at left is dated May 1, 1941, and is in the ORM archives.

There were no submissions of ideas as requested last month

Contractor appreciation day pictures



Larry Dodd and Gary Githens fill water containers to prepare lemonade.



ORM volunteers followed the guests for food

Photographs this page by Raymond Woods



Volunteers setting up tables for the contractor appreciation lunch. After lunch they returned the tables and chairs to storage.



Most of the contractor employees took time to look at the logos.

Please continue support of your Oklahoma Railway Museum by renewing you membership for 2011

This past year in review

In January ORM member Gary Pistole hauled the two flat cars from storage at the Stillwater Central yard.

ORM member John Ansell received a much earned and important award from Operation Lifesaver and the Union Pacific Railroad.

Assistance from Allen Contracting led to the saving of 15 feet of overhead trolley guide rail from the Walker Street Bridge.

Restoration of Alco # 2 to operating condition. The efforts of many volunteers has the Alco "Chickasaw" locomotive ready for service.

Purchase of the Shuttlewagon from the US Government. The unit is in excellent condition except that water had gotten into the turbo charger. Volunteers are working to get the Shuttlewagon operations.

The ORM NARCOA affiliate has sponsored many motor car runs and exhibited motor cars at the museum.

Establishing a relationship with Retro Metro OKC toward getting our archives scanned for preservation and on line for research.

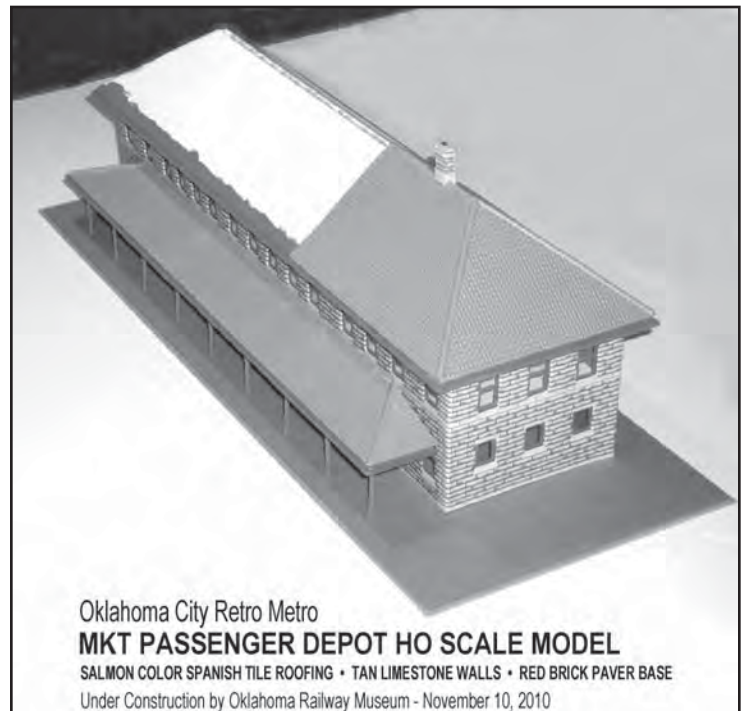
ORM's July 3rd run day event with food, ice cream, moon bounce, Mom-O the clown was virtually rained out.

During August our Rock Island caboose was used in the production of the movie "Bringing up Bobby."

Through the concerted efforts of the newly established Retro Metro OKC working in conjunction with the Oklahoma History Center and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation the ORM is the home for Rock Island and Frisco heralds saved from the Robinson Street Bridge demolition.

410 loads of ballast with an estimated weight of 5,330 tons was hauled from the I-40 relocation project. This ballast was an extreme need for the ORM.

Bricktown display update



photograph by Sam Mills

Sam Mills sent the photograph above which shows the status of the MKT depot model progress. The period of the completed diorama will be 1925-1935 era.

ORM model railroad update

Many upgrades have been made to the ORM model railroad layout since the Day Out With Thomas event. Additionally, two 4'x8' donated layouts are being incorporated.

We have received many donations of equipment in addition to the two layouts mentioned previously. A story about the layouts and expression of our appreciation to the layout and equipment donors will be in an upcoming issue of *the Dispatcher*.

The layout will be open during the Christmas train rides. Come check it out.

More video production at ORM

November 16. A group of Film and Video Production students from Oklahoma City Community College were at the ORM to shoot scenes. OCCC has outstanding video production equipment, sound stage and award winning instructors.

Halloween ride day pictures



Dental Depot vehicles were extremely popular with visitors



Smiley O'Riley handing out gift bags to riders



Well.... no idea what to say about this picture. (ed)

Photographs this page by Raymond Woods



Children and adults in costume received a ticket discount

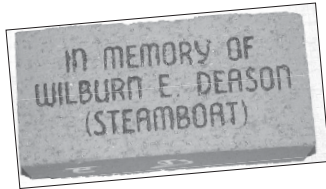


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ORM Depot Store

The Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd. (ORM) has items available for both children and adults at the Depot Store. These include baseball caps, polo shirts, t-shirts, lapel pins, and coasters. Funds raised by donations for these items support the Museum projects.

The Depot Store, located inside the Oakwood Depot on the Museum grounds, is open during regular **Museum hours – 9 am to 4 pm on the first and third Saturday operation days** of each month April through October. The store is also open for special events.



Order Form – Engraved Platform Bricks

Cost is \$50.00 per brick.
Up to a maximum of 4 lines with 16 letters and spaces per line

Purchaser's Name _____ Phone No. (_____) _____

Line 1															
Line 2															
Line 3															
Line 4															

Become an ORM Member

2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

- \$30.00 per year – Individual Membership in the Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd. (spouse included)
- \$25.00 per year – Individual Senior (age 65 and up) (spouse included) and Individual Student (full-time student) Membership in ORM
- \$36.00 per year – To add Railway Historical Society (NRHS) Membership (add \$5.00 for spouse) (Student Memberships: \$16 per year)
- \$500.00 - Lifetime Membership

SEND NRHS DUES TO ORM ADDRESS BELOW, NOT DIRECTLY TO NRHS

Send your application and dues to: **Oklahoma Railway Museum , Ltd.
3400 NE Grand Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Missing Books

Someone has borrowed the following books from the ORM library.

Trains We Rode, vol 1 and Classic Trains, vol 1.

These books have been checked out for a long period of time. Please return them.

Engraved Platform Bricks

More than one platform brick can be donated to the Museum and you can make copies of the attached form. Mail completed forms with checks or money orders to: Jim Murray, ORM, 3400 NE Grand Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111. If you have any questions, you can e-mail Murray at:

jtmurray@cox.net

Crosstie Donations

Friends and families of ORM continue to make donations for crossties, equipment and facilities on the Museum property and on the leased track.

If you want to make a donation to purchase a crosstie, a donation of \$42.50 will help purchase a new crosstie. You can donate a crosstie in recognition or in memory of someone. All donations should be made out to the Oklahoma Railway Museum Ltd.

Please note on the check what the donation is for, mail to: ORM Ltd., 3400 NE Grand Boulevard, Oklahoma City, 73111



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Oklahoma City Train Show
December 4th & 5th
Annual membership banquet Jan. 8th
Christmas Train December 18th

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

2011 Membership Meeting and Board of Director Elections

2011 membership dues must be paid to vote in the election. Dues can be paid at the membership meeting on January 8th prior to the meeting starting at 7:00 P.M.

Nominees for 2011 Board of Director positions

Election for Director of Museum Displays will be during the annual membership meeting January 8,

Director of Museum Displays received two nominations, candidates are:

Kenneth Kozak
Larry Loomis

Meeting Location:

Hometown Buffet
3900 NW 63rd Street
(just east of NW 63rd and NW Expressway inter-section)
Oklahoma City, OK

No multiple nominees for Board positions listed below - positions will not require a vote

Vice President

Larry Dodd

Secretary

Drake Rice

Director of Mechanical Operations

Jim Murray

Director of Track Maintenance

Bob Hussey

NRHS Director

John Ansell

Time:

Begin arriving at 5:30 P.M for buffet
Meeting starts at 7:00 P.M.

Consider bringing a potential member as your guest