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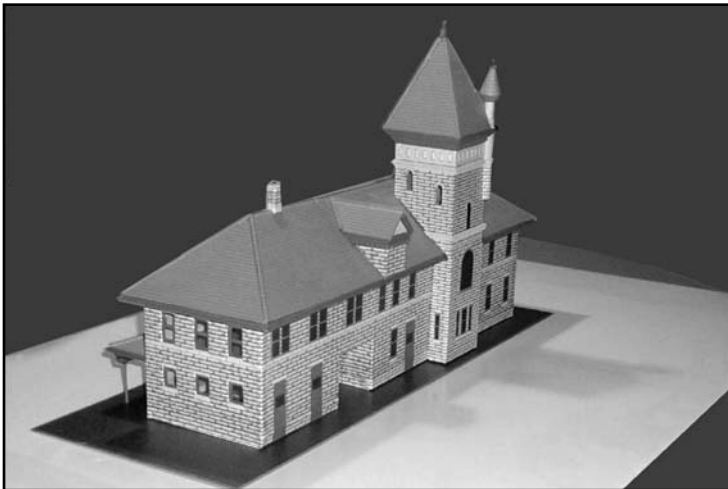


## Oklahoma Railway Museum Bricktown Display

## 2011 Membership Meeting and Board of Director Elections

Sam Mills is nearing completion with the Bricktown display. I wish the newsletter was color because the model Sam constructed is a work of art.

Thirty-four members turned out for the 2011 membership meeting and Board of Director election on January 8th.



Sam Mills

Front and end view of the HO scale MKT depot

Awards were presented by ORM president Stan Hall to the following:

John Ansel  
Service as NRHS director



Raymond Woods

Bob Nantois  
Volunteer of the year



Raymond Woods



Sam Mills

Rear and end view of the HO scale MKT depot

Gary Moore  
Realtor of the Year for his assistance with the purchase of the Carlson property



Raymond Woods

# The President's Column



It is about mid-January and very cold. We had a good time at the annual meeting last weekend.

Larry Loomis was elected to the Board at the meeting. He will be working with Chuck Shinn on our displays throughout the Museum.

Gary Moore finally received his award for his help in acquiring the property to the North. John Ansell was awarded a certificate for his work as our representative to the National Railway Historical Society. He has done much more than was expected representing us for more years than I have been

president. The volunteer of the year award was to Bob Nantois. He has mowed the grass, helped on the train crew, worked in the shop on the blue car and acted as a docent. We really appreciate his help.

The Mistletoe II chair car has been moved to the shop for a makeover. We will be using it on the Thomas event and other special trains as soon as it is refurbished. Jim Murray is in charge of that project. We have budgeted about \$ 150,000 to operate and improve the museum this year. Track improvements are a priority and Bob Hussey has already started on this ongoing project. We have also budgeted funds to paint several cars and buildings. It will be a busy year to get all this done. If you want to be involved, come on out and we can set you up with a project.

Stan Hall

**Oklahoma Railway  
Museum, Ltd.**

## **Board of Directors**

Stan Hall, *President*  
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The Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd. is a 501-[C] 3 organization. Donations are tax deductible.

If a donation is made for a specified project, every dollar of that donation goes toward that project.

## 2011 Membership Meeting and Board of Director Elections



ORM President Stan Hill



ORM Secretary Drake Rice

Gary Githens

Museum Update by Drake Rice



Members have been coming out to the museum and working on projects and with the shop building volunteers are able to work out of the elements and wind. Projects to improve the shop building are underway with Harry Currie leading the effort to deck the roof above the restrooms, office and entry office to allow more storage of Christmas, Halloween and other event items. He is assisted by Charles Price.

Mike Harker is installing electric strip heat in the two offices and restrooms so we won't have to run extension cords and have heaters around in the rooms to keep the water lines from freezing. He had help from Phillip Ford and Drake Rice on fishing wires and conduct through the walls.

The Mistletoe II is now in the shop and work is getting under way to get the car heating and cooling system installed and electrical installed to allow the car to run off of the Diner's generator which was sized for such. The car has been cleaned on the inside, repair list developed and work has started on the outside of the car. Jim Murray directing the HVAC upgrade with help from Guy Lynn and Bob Nantois. The goal is to have the car in service for the 2011 DOWT event this September. The car will allow the dropping of the RI Combine from the Thomas train and increase the seating from 40 to 68, bringing the Thomas train set to 388 capacity. This will allow 28 more seats available during the peak ride times and remove the only heavy weight car the museum uses in operation. It will also allow the RI Combine to become a back-up car for the event which we currently do not have should a car have a mechanical issue that would not allow it to be used.

Jim and Karl continue to push ahead in the baggage car with the museum model train layout. With the number of donations that have come in, the museum now has a very nice layout for visitors to view when at the museum. This a welcome attraction especially for the visitors during the winter months when the museum is not running trains.

As always the museum can use volunteers on Thursday, Friday and especially on Saturday to show our visitors around and answer questions they may have. We are already noticing an increase in the number of guest on the nice days.

The museum is working on getting another set of Signals for museum use from the Union Pacific Railroad. These signals were located on Rogers Lane in Lawton where the track has been removed. Bob Hussey Company will be taking the lights down and moving them for the museum.

In addition, the museum is has been notified about the donation of a Baggage Car by the Union Pacific Railroad. Arrangements are being made for the movement of the car.

The museum is also working with a moving company to move the railroad crane donated by OG&E to the museum. Funds were budgeted this year to move the crane. The museum continues to expand the equipment it has to be able to show the visitors of the various types of car and equipment needed to maintain a railroad. The museum appreciates the companies that provide donations to the museum.



**Please continue support of your Oklahoma Railway Museum by renewing your membership**

### Bricktown display



Sam Mills

Diorama display case constructed by Sam Mills



January 1: The Great Northern chair car #1304 "Mistletoe II" was moved to the shop. The car has been out of service for several years. Maintenance crews will get the air conditioning system operational, windows replaced and mechanical systems checked and repaired as necessary to put the car back in service for DOWT and Christmas trains.

Proposed diorama text proposed by Sam Mills

#### EARLY OKLAHOMA CITY M-K-T PASSENGER DEPOT

- LOCATED SOUTH OF RENO AVE IN FUTURE BRICKTOWN •

This diorama depicts the early 20th Century Passenger Depot operated by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway (M-K-T) in Oklahoma City, in what is now Bricktown. The depot was located just south of Reno Avenue and served the Oklahoma City area from XXXX to XXXX. It was a two-story structure constructed of buff colored Oklahoma limestone. The Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad operated for 118 years from 1870 to 1988 providing continuous service to the central and southwestern United States. It was originally chartered in 1865 as the southern branch of the Union Pacific Railway. The name was changed in 1870 to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway. Even though the line ran continuously from the northern to the southern Oklahoma border, the name Oklahoma was omitted because at that time it was still Indian Territory. In 1880 it was operated as the Kansas & Texas Division of the Missouri Texas Railroad, and shortened to KT, or the better known name of "Katy." The backbone of the system was the corridor from Kansas City to Houston Texas. After the Union Pacific take-over in 1988, the basic KATY system remained intact, even though several extensive track segments were sold or abandoned. In 1931 it reported passenger earnings of \$1,722,000 and owned 82 locomotives and 1,000 railroad cars.



Modelers should consider volunteering with the ORM model railroad. Although operational there is still plenty to do with the model layout. A donated layout still has to be completed and added to the existing layout. Visit youtube.com and search for Oklahoma Railway Museum to view a short video of the layout.

## 2011 Membership Meeting and Board of Director Elections



Gary Githens

*Kenneth Kozak campaign speech*



Raymond Woods

*Larry Loomis campaign speech*



Gary Githens

*Members enjoying the meeting*

President Hall presented a report on Day Out with Thomas, Halloween trains and the Christmas train events. The ORM would like to operate an Easter train this year. We need someone to step forward and volunteer to chair the project.

Election was held for the Director of Museum Displays Board of Directors position. Larry Loomis was elected by a narrow margin over Kenneth Kozak. Lets all give Larry our support.

A video was shown to update members on the status of the ORM model railroad layout followed by a slide show of the DOWT event.

Larry Dodd provided door prizes. There were enough that virtually all that attended received something.



Gary Githens

*Laptop, projector and speakers set up for the meeting*



Gary Githens

*Door prizes provided by Larry Dodd*

# Special events

December 31st track maintenance south of 16th Street.



Tamper working south of 16th St near Echroat station sign



Tamper compaction teeth. Vibration is also applied



Some of Bob Hussey Construction crew removing overgrowth prior to tamping



View of the track after the tamper has passed. The next stage will be to operate the regulator to fill holes and shape roadbed

photos by Gary Githens

## ORM model railroad



Street scene on the ORM model railroad

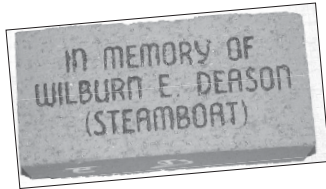


Donated layout that will be added to the existing model railroad

**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 August. The store is also open for special events.



**Order Form – Engraved Platform Bricks**

Cost is \$50.00 per brick.  
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**2011 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 National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) Membership (add \$5.00 for spouse) (Student Memberships: \$16 per year) NRHS can change dues without notice

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

\$500.00 - Oklahoma Railway Museum Lifetime Membership

Send your application and dues to: **Oklahoma Railway Museum , Ltd.  
3400 NE Grand Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111-4417**

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**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](mailto: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

**Next Month**

Recognition of donors to the ORM model railroad



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Any changes to the following information or articles for "the Dispatcher," should be directed to the Editor, Gary Githens, (e-mail: ORMnews@cox.net). For information on upcoming programs, contact Jim Pasby, email: jimpasby@att.net).

**Oklahoma Railway Museum (ORM)** – Open Thursday, Friday and Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. except on major holidays

**ORM Train Rides** - First and third Saturdays April through October at 10:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M. Noon, 1:30 P.M. and 2:30 P.M.

**ORM Board Meetings** – Last Thursday each month at ORM, Oklahoma City – 7 pm.

**Oklahoma "N" Rail** – For information, call Rick Inselman, 405/412-1552.

**Oklahoma Passenger Rail Association** – Rail Consumer Advocate Organization. Meets bimonthly. For information, write or call Roger Carter, 1120 South 21st Street, Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018, 405/224-7423

**Passenger Rail Oklahoma** – A grassroots advocacy organization. Meets every Saturday and Sunday morning an hour prior to the arrival of the Heartland Flyer in Norman. The depot opens at 7:50 am. Contact Evan Stair at [sfrr@aol.com](mailto:sfrr@aol.com), [www.passengerrailok.org](http://www.passengerrailok.org), 405/366-8957, or 517 Claremont, Norman, OK 73069-5020. Depot volunteer opportunities are available.

**Oklahoma S.W. Division NMRA** – 2nd Saturday each month, 1 pm, Goldman Room, Kirkpatrick Center, Jim Heidon, President

**Yukon's Best Railroad Museum** – Thursday/Saturday/Sunday and by appointment. Located 1 block north of Main and UP tracks in Yukon. Call John Knuppel, 405/354-5079, for times and information.

### OUT OF TOWN

**Railroad Museum of Oklahoma** – Tuesday thru Friday afternoons 1 pm to 4 pm, Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm, Sunday 2 pm to 5 pm, or by appointment, HO, N and Lionel layouts, Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm at Old Santa Fe Freight Depot, 702 North Washington, Enid

**Waynoka Station/Waynoka Historical Society** – 202 South Cleveland, Waynoka Call Sandie Olson, 580/824-1886.

**Curtis Hill Rendezvous** - May 20, 21, 22 2011 a Major Oklahoma rail fan event. Contact Duane Koss at [dak507@plateautel.net](mailto:dak507@plateautel.net) or your Dispatcher editor at [ormnews@cox.net](mailto:ormnews@cox.net) Website: [curtishill.com](http://curtishill.com)

