



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

NARCOA Affiliate Member



Christmas trains 2010

by Gary Githens



Dental Depot's "Smiley O-Riley" poses with classic truck



Photograph by Linda Githens

Pastor Clarence Johnson and wife Jacki pose with Santa Claus.



Young riders enjoy the views on the trip through Lincoln Park Golf course.

The 2010 Christmas train rides were a great success making children and adults happy.

Thanks to Dental Depot for their support with the event. The Dental Depot vehicles were a big hit as always. "Smiley O-Riley" was busy on the train visiting with guests and handing out gift packets. Gaylon Zissa helped Larry Dodd with hot chocolate preparation and feeding the volunteer staff.

It takes a significant number of volunteers to operate the Christmas train. Most familiar to the public are the car hosts. These folks seat passengers, serve refreshments, collect trash. Between the rides they clean windows, sweep the floors and make sure supplies are on hand for the next run.

January 8th
Membership meeting

The President's Column



It is Sunday afternoon and I am relaxing after yesterday's Christmas trains. It was a really good day for the Museum. Lots of happy children and happy parents too. We had sold out trains for all except the 9:00 a.m. train. I want to thank all the volunteers for making this a successful day.

We had good weather and plenty for visitors to see and do. I would compare it to one of our good days when Thomas is here. I am always amazed at the activity around the moon bounce. It was hopping all day. We also had the group from Dental Depot helping. Their participation is appreciated and adds something special to the event.

Good Frito pie for lunch helped keep the chill off; thanks Larry. This was the second time we have had the model railroad up and running for visitors to see. It was a popular place.

Before I write again, it will be time for the annual meeting and election. I hope you can join us for some food, fellowship and fun. We will have some door prizes for those in attendance.

Stan Hall

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ORM NARCOA affiliate motor car run November 13th and 14th



Ride participants at Drummond, Oklahoma



Preparing to turn around at Enid for return trip to Clinton

photographs by Leon Snapp

Museum Update by Drake Rice



2010 is now in the books and we start a new year with a lot to look forward to at the museum. This year's Christmas Trains again operated at capacity which brought over 1500 people to the museum on Saturday the 18th. This year not only did they have a train ride, but could see the historic Railway Express trucks brought in by the Dental Depot folks and view the railroad equipment and see the museum model train layout in operation. In addition, Dental Depot had Smiley O'Reilly the Dental Depot Conductor on board the trains with Santa handing out dental care kits. It was another outstanding event for the family and staff that the museum has provided.

A lot of hard work when into the Christmas train, led by President Stan Hall and his wife Polly who decorated the museum, the mechanical gang with Jim Murray and Terry Birchett keeping things running during the event, Harry Currie and Bags Inc. for providing the advance ticket sale work, the volunteers on the train, Marvin Holderbaum in the Ticket office selling the last few seats and Mary Holderbaum who manned the museum store that was extremely busy on Saturday. Then the flagging crew that manned the dangerous 36th Street crossing, helped get people parked and our famous Chef Larry Dodd who made our great lunch and didn't burn the hot water for the hot chocolate. There was also the train crew and again all who served on board helping serve our many riders on Saturday. Thank all of you for ending the museum year on a Happy Note and a wonderful time.

The board will vote on the proposed 2011 budget at the next meeting which is set for Thursday, December 30th. The budget is the guide for the year of museum activities and as a guide, is always sub-

ject to change when something creates a need to address other issues. President Hall had input from many on this year's budget. The largest item in the budget will be track work to put down ballast, tamp and improve track conditions on the museum's 3.2 miles of line.

In other activities, the CNW 7721 car looks real nice in its fresh coat of paint in the Christmas Train. There is some talk about renaming the car for the Sand Springs Railway, since the colors are the same as the SS Lines trolley cars that ran between Sand Springs and Tulsa till 1955. I'm sure the painter (Ken Kozak) would have some thoughts about that. As earlier mentioned, the model train layout was a nice activity which people enjoyed seeing; the work is led by our Senior Engineer, Jim Pasby.

Painting will be on the minds of a lot of volunteers this next year to address the Santa Fe Caboose, the Conoco Box cars and the FP-45. These are few of the cars that need paint attention. In addition the plans are moving forward to run the Mistletoe II car back to service. The car has been out of service since 2004, but plans are to upgrade the AC system to allow the car to be used in the museum trains for DOWT and other programs. It will provide an additional 68 seats in the museum passenger fleet.

As always, if you can spare a few hours during the month, stop by the museum there is always a need for helping hands.



Saturday January 22, 2011-TX/OK- Wichita Falls, Tillman and Jackson Co. Railroad
Burkburnett, Texas – The Oklahoma Railway Museum (ORM) will host a trip on the WT&J Railroad from Burkburnett, Texas traveling northwest on the ex-MKT Railroad trackage that WT&J operates to Tipton, Ok and then return to Burkburnett, TX. Total mileage will be approximately 95 miles round trip. Set on will begin at 8:00AM in Burkburnett, TX at 2nd Street Crossing. Departure will be at 9:00AM. The cost will be \$40.00. Excursion Coordinator is Drake Rice, e-mail drake.rice@cox.net, or home phone 405-478-3225. Requirements: Must be a NARCOA and ORM member and have a valid NARCOA insurance card and operator's certificate required. NARCOA Rulebook 6.4 in effect for this event. For complete ride information contract event coordinator Drake Rice at the above e-mail.

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Car host Phyllis Shinn collects trash before a ride ends.



Ticket agent Marvin Holderbaum



Nancy Benham and other car hosts were busy between rides cleaning windows, emptying trash and setting up for rides.



Platform manager Gary Moore and train dispatcher Bob Cook.



Car host and one of the ORM's youngest members Sheridan Goble



Crossing flagger Bob Cossairt

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Smiley O-Riley hands out gift packets



Car host Dell Hawkins passing out hot chocolate with a big smile



We love crowds of happy folks at the ORM



Left lane traffic lined up for free gas



The playground and moon bounce were busy attractions before and after train trips.

Traffic jam

A Church gave away \$15,000.00 worth of gasoline Saturday morning. Each vehicle could get \$20.00 worth of gas. Cars were lined up to at one time from the Phillips station at I-35 & N.E. 36th street back to Grand Blvd. and then south on Grand all the way south of 30th street, a distance of almost two miles.

Not only did our flagger and parking lot management volunteers have to take care of their normal duties, they had to direct traffic at 34th and Grand for a few hours to get cars into the museum. Thanks guys.

This traffic was also a problem with train operations at 36th during the 9:00 and 10:30 trips. Some assistance was provided by the OKC police department. Officers were directing traffic at Grand, the gas station and along 36th street.

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Another crew headed by Larry Dodd prepared hot chocolate and distributed it to the five cars between runs. They also prepared lunch for the volunteers.

Between each run volunteers were available to fill supply orders from the car hosts.

Others picked up bags of trash set out by the car hosts on the "far side" of the train between runs.

Marvin Holderbaum was busy in the ticket office. Mary Halderbaum managed the ORM store.

Bob Cook was the train dispatcher. He records all data required by the FRA.

Gary Moore was busy as platform manager. His job was to make sure folks stay back from the track when the train enters the station. He also has to "restrain" anxious passengers from trying to board before the current passengers are unloaded and cleaning and restocking of the train is completed.

The crossing flaggers and parking lot attendant have tremendously important jobs. We are fortunate to have experienced and dedicated folks like Charles Price, Bob Hussey and Bob Cossairt in these jobs.

Volunteers have to decorate the train, grounds and set up the inflatables. After the event the inflatables must be taken down and returned to storage. Train decorations, grounds decorations and the Christmas tree will be removed at a later date.

Chuck Shinn lead the singing. Steve Davis made announcements and sang about a "broken down Chevrolet" on one ride. During the event there was a problem with the microphone. Chuck had a spare in his car [go figure] that could be used although the cord was only about a foot long. Made for an interesting time reading the Polar Express story and leading singing.

Jim Murray handled maintenance, starting the generators, etc. He had a busy day.

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Special events



Raymond Woods

Steve Lackmeyer hosted his son's birthday party



Raymond Woods

Post wedding photo session at the ORM.



Train crew members Terry Birchett, Ken Kozak, Greg Hall, Drake Rice and Guy Lynn did a great job. Smooth starts and stops and kept the train on the track all day long.

Jim Pasby had the ORM model railroad in operation for guests.

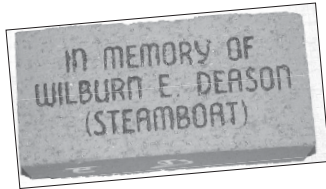
While leading singing on the Christmas train Chuck Shinn was also able to coordinate two birthday parties.

The next train operations will be April 2nd when the regular ride season begins. Volunteers will be busy until then with maintenance projects.

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

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Become an ORM Member

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**

Name _____

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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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Annual membership banquet Jan. 8th

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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