



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

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Railroad Station Historical Society 2011 national convention to be in Oklahoma City

Oklahoma is known as the "Sooner State" because of the many "Sooners" who jumped the starting line early for the great 1889 Oklahoma Territory land rush. Much like these early frontier settlers, we will be rushing around the state (by bus) visiting as many railroad stations as possible in our annual tour, June 8-11, 2011.

The featured railroads for the 2011 RSHS Tour include the:

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (better known as the "Santa Fe")

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific (known as the "Rock Island" or "The Rock")

Missouri-Kansas-Texas (known as the "MKT" or "Katy")

St. Louis-San Francisco (better known as the "Frisco")

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editors note: Additional information and registration forms available at the Railroad Station Historical Society website: www.rrshs.org



June 11th. RRSHS convention attendees will visit the Oklahoma Railway Museum. I will try to advise the time in a later issue. This is also the day of the annual membership picnic.

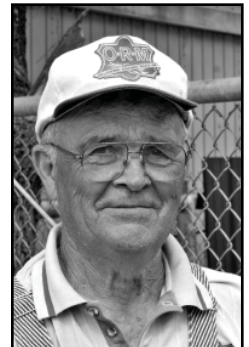
Please try to come out and meet our guests from across the nation.

Donors made popular model railroad possible at the ORM

by Gary Githens

Model railroad layouts are a big hit with children and adults visiting the ORM. In previous years various model railroad groups brought out their modular layouts for us during the Day out with Thomas event. That was a major effort for them and was greatly appreciated by the museum.

During past years several layouts and equipment were donated to the museum. Beginning after the 2008 DOWT event Jim Pasby volunteered to head up constructing our own layout. With the help of many volunteers progress has been made incorporating multiple layouts into one large layout.



Now we have our own layout for Jim Pasby DOWT, and the layout is available for viewing by guests during regular train operation days and special events.

An additional benefit is having a new venue for members interested in modeling to participate at the museum.

Eventually we will have mult-scale layouts in operation as well as model railroad rolling stock on display.

This would not have been possible without the generous donations of many people.

On page 5 is a list of those whose donations have made the popular ORM model railroad a possibility.

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The President's Column



It has been an interesting month at the museum. We were pretty well shut down for almost two weeks by snow. Large drifts were across the road from the first snow. The crew got some of that cleared up about the time the second storm arrived. Thanks to all of you who cleared a path to the door.

This last Saturday was a nice Spring-like day. A lot of work was going on. Gary Githens was helping some Scouts on the Railroading Merit Badge. The Mechanical Group was working on the Chickasaw Alco and did the final work replacing a spring. That was the last item to be fixed so that we can use it on trains. We will be ready to take the Tribe on a ride to repay them for the paint job. Work was also continuing on the Mistletoe II.

Larry Loomis has been busy working on our displays. He has been cleaning, rearranging and adding some items to the displays. Stop in and see his work in progress. He could probably use some help if you have some time. The model railroad in the baggage car has been progressing very fast. It is in its final form with just some cleanup and scenery to be completed. It will be ready and open by the time we start Run days in April.

Stan Hall

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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.

April 30-May1 - OK Farmrail Railroad

The Oklahoma Railway Museum (ORM) will host a two day run on Saturday April 30 and Sunday May1 on Farmrail Railroad out of Clinton, OK. NARCOA Insurance and rules apply. Saturday set on will be at 8:00AM, safety briefing at 8:50AM, leaving at 9:00AM. Ride will be south to Snyder, OK and return. Roundtrip is approximately 126 miles. Cars can be left on track overnight. Sunday, run will be from Clinton after safety briefing at 8:50AM to Elk City and return for approximately 72 miles. Participants must be a member of ORM and NARCOA. Ride cost is \$70.00 which covers both days. Detailed information will be available after March 1 from EC Drake Rice, drake.rice@cox.net. Phone is 405-478-3225.

ORM website update

Anne Murray is currently redeveloping the ORM webpage. I do not have a date for when it will be on line, but it won't be long, so check in at the ORM website from time to time.

I have been asked numerous times what software is used for the Dispatcher. I use Adobe Suites Design Premium CS5. The newsletter is setup in the Indesign module. Photos are edited in Photoshop CS5 or Photoshop Elements 9. I use the software in my work. The videos on Youtube are edited with Windows Movie Maker or Adobe Premier Elements 9. Adobe Acrobat software is one of the great software assets to business. Yes...I am an Adobe fan. Now you know. Gary, volunteer amateur editor

Museum Update by Drake Rice

Work continues on projects around the museum. First, by the walk, the bridge logos for the Frisco and Rock Island will be placed on display for all to enjoy. We are fortunate they were saved and not destroyed in the highway work in downtown Oklahoma City. We are still several weeks away from the date they will be placed on the concrete pads that Harry Currie has been building, but the contractor has offered to come back and set them for us.

OKRX 2 has been in the shop on track 1 for the replacement of a bad spring. On Saturday, February 12th the mechanical folks did the job with jacks lifting the locomotive, and some other minor adjustments were made. Jim Murray, Guy Lynn, Terry Birchett, John Schumann, Phil Ford, Alton Dobbins led the effort in the spring replacement. The museum plans to use the engine in some special trains later this year.

On track 2, the Mistletoe II is receiving a lot of attention. Body work is underway to make repairs and prepare for fresh paint. On the interior clean up and work on the cooling and heating system continues. As planned, the car will be ready for service during the 2011 DOWT event. Work on the car is being led by Jim Murray, Guy Lynn, Bob Nantois, Charles Price, Alton Dobbins and Mike Harker.

Out in the yard, Terry Birchett continues to work on the car mover we obtained through Surplus Property. The cylinders are now free and the engine will roll over, one cylinder liner needs some attention and then the pan will be put back on and the head back on and we will see if it will run. Terry, Bob Hussey, Jim Murray and Guy Lynn have been working on the unit.

Over in the Display Car, new board member Larry Loomis has been cleaning and rearranging things for viewing. Larry is welcoming anyone who would like to assist in this critical area. Please stop by

and offer assistance, Larry has some interesting plans.

Jim Pasby and Karl Stevenson have been working hard in the Rock Island baggage car on the museum layout. They have been assisted by Charles Price and Bob Cossiart. The layout is very impressive now and allows visitor to spend some time watching the models. There is still a lot of scenic work that needs to be done, again if you would like to assist, see Jim Pasby.

Bob Hussey reports the city parks department is now addressing the fencing and the vehicle entrance gate on the Southside of NE 16th street. This has been a multi-year effort, but things are beginning to look up.

Hopefully by the time you read this article the 25 Ton Railroad crane donated by OGE will be on the museum grounds. Bob Hussey has been pushing this effort which at times has been a real headache. But he keeps plugging away. We are also hopeful to have the SP Baggage Car on the way to the museum soon. We are awaiting bill from the UP for the movement, once received we will provide payment and the car should begin rolling our direction.

As always, there are a lot of things going on at the museum and with the warmer weather, our visitors will be increasing. Stan Hall is always ready to welcome new helpers to visit with our guests. You meet a lot of really nice people coming to the museum. It's a real help to have our members to greet them.

So as you can see, there are lots of projects and lots of opportunities to help.



Note of Thanks

On behalf of my sister, Kristy, my wife Lu, we would like to thank all of you for your words of encouragement following the recent death of Kenneth Rice. Dad always enjoyed going to the museum, visiting with you the members and the people who stopped by, giving them a brochure, getting a little change in the donation can. He looked forward to riding in the cars with various car hosts even though it was hard for him to get up the steps into the cars or sitting on the bench by the dispatchers window watching the trains leave and return. His last years dealing with the effects of his stroke always amazed me, he never complained, but would always say, "This getting old is for the birds" and then laugh. I will miss our Saturday morning breakfast at Jimmy's Egg or Braums and his friendship, but I have many wonderful memories. Thank all of you for your kindness. Drake.

2011 Railroad Station Historical Society Tour Agenda

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Jones	FRISCO Depot
Harrah	ROCK ISLAND Depot
Shawnee	Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf, Passenger Car shop Arkansas and Oklahoma Railroad Office ***SANTA FE Depot (1902), restored, museum
Seminole	ROCK ISLAND Passenger Depot ROCK ISLAND Freight Depot
Wewoka	ROCK ISLAND Depot
Okemah	Fort Smith and Western Depot
Checotah	M-K-T Depot
Muskogee	Frisco/Midland Valley Depot, Kansas, Oklahoma and Gulf/Midland Valley Bldg. FRISCO Freight Depot
Okmulgee	FRISCO Depot, E. 5th St. Okmulgee Northern Depot
Bristow	FRISCO Depot
Drumright	SANTA FE Depot
Cushing	SANTA FE Depot
Coyle	SANTA FE Coaling Tower Coyle SANTA FE Depot

Thursday, June 9, 2011

Moore	SANTA FE Depot
Norman	Oklahoma Railway Depot SANTA FE Depot, now Amtrak
Purcell	Amtrak station (2001) (old depot and HH gone)
Stratford	Oklahoma Central Depot
Ada	Oklahoma Central Depot FRISCO Depot
Sulphur	SANTA FE Depot, moved from Dougherty
Davis	SANTA FE Depot
Marietta	SANTA FE Depot (museum)
Ardmore	SANTA FE/ROCK ISLAND Depot (1915)
Pauls Valley	SANTA FE Depot (1905)
Lindsay	SANTA FE Depot

Friday, June 10, 2011

Oklahoma City	SANTA FE/Amtrak (1934), now Bricktown Real Estate Oklahoma Streetcar Car Shop ROCK ISLAND Bricktown Frt Station Union Station (FRISCO, ROCK IS LAND, 1932)
Yukon	Oklahoma Railway Company Interur ban Depot
El Reno	Oklahoma Railway Company Depot ROCK ISLAND Depot (1906-07) ROCK ISLAND Office Building
Clinton	Clinton, Oklahoma and Western Depot SANTA FE Depot

Friday, June 10, 2011 (continued)

Sayre	M-K-T Depot (1910)
Sentinel	ROCK ISLAND Depot
Hobart	SANTA FE Depot
Anadarko	ROCK ISLAND Depot
Chickasha	ROCK ISLAND Depot, REA Bldg., Baggage Facility Oklahoma Central/SANTA FE Depot

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Guthrie	(SANTA FE) Depot ROCK ISLAND Depot SANTA FE Depot Museum (1903) SANTA FE Depot (1911), E. 9th St. M-K-T Depot
Stillwater	Midland Valley Depot
Hominy	M-K-T Coaling Tower
Barnsdall	Hulah – SANTA FE Depot
Bartlesville	Union Station (SANTA FE/M-K-T, 1909), W. 2nd St. SANTA FE Depot Midland Valley Depot
Pawhuska	ROCK ISLAND Depot, 700 S. 3d St. SANTA FE Depot (1911)
Ponca City	SANTA FE Depot (museum) SANTA FE Depot (circa 1900) Oklahoma Railway Depot Oklahoma Railway Museum “ Meet and Greet ” Relocated Oakwood Depot 3400 N.E. Grand Blvd. (405) 424-8222



Railroad Station Historical Society

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We shall be visiting some interesting stations from each of these major railroads, as well as structures from several smaller railroads and interurban railways. We shall utilize the Best Western Saddleback Inn and Conference Center, located five minutes from Oklahoma City Airport (code:OKC) at 4300 SW 3rd Street in Oklahoma City, as our daily departure point and for the Saturday night banquet. The phone number for the hotel is (405) 947-70000 or 1-800-228-3903 (toll free). Reservations may also be made online at www.bwsaddleback.com Participants are responsible for their own hotel reservations and hotel expenses.

Room prices (all types): \$79.00 (plus taxes) per night if you mention the RSHS.

Winter pics at the ORM



Gary Githens

Snow drift approximately four feet deep at the south side of 34th street.



Bob Cossairt

Jim Pasby clearing 34th street.



Bob Cossairt

Oh..for those warm days of summer when young people can enjoy the ORM playground

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Work continues on the layout by dedicated volunteers. From time to time I will update you on the progress.

A “temporary” video is on Youtube showing the layout. Visit youtube and search for “Oklahoma Railway Museum.”

On behalf of the Oklahoma Railway Museum and thousands of enthusiast visitors we want to express our appreciation to the below listed donors.

Mr. & Mrs. Schiesz donated HO gauge train set including 5 engines 36 cars, buildings, books and a poster.

Ms. Lori Rasmussen-Miller donated a train set with track in memory of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Stevens of Mustang.

Kenyon and Julie Elliot of Edmond donated numerous locomotives, rolling stock and a 4 foot by 8 foot layout.

Mr. & Mrs. George Brownlee donated a large collection of engines and rolling stock.

Rudy Bruce of Wagoner donated a box of Lionel track and books for our library.

Bob Hussey donated a 4 foot by 8 foot model layout with buildings and rolling stock.

Charles Price donated rolling stock and buildings.

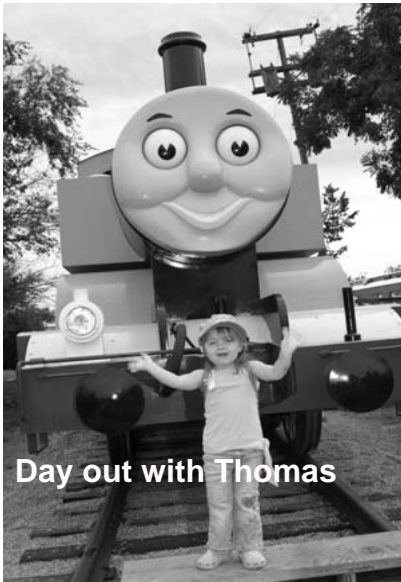
Terry Birchett donated a HO gauge locomotive.

Alton Dobbins donated a HO gauge locomotive and Dale Earnhart race car set.

Larry Loomis donated a locomotive.

Paris Bryson of Moore donated a Bachman Shooting Star train set.

Joe Grillo of Oklahoma City donated an “O” gauge layout with several boxes of accessories.



Day out with Thomas

I was setting around mopping about winter and thinking about the warm days of summer.

I did not get to spend as much time as I would have liked at the ORM last year so am hoping I can this summer. At the moment I am looking forward to mowing and even the weed trimmer.

On this page are a few pictures of warm weather activities at the museum.
editor



Picnic on the Oakwood station platform



Hot dogs at membership picnic



Open air car....popular in warm weather



Ice cream machine....cool!



Dutch-Oven cooking



School outing days

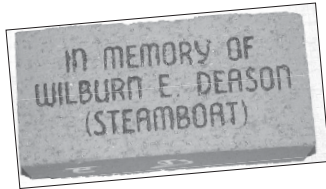
Train operations start the 1st Saturday in April and continue 1st and 3rd Saturdays through August.

Membership picnic June 11th. A great event when members and their families enjoy food and a train ride.

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 September. 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. (_____) _____

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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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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

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

ORM Bricktown display will be in place before the next issue of the Dispatcher.

Frisco & Rock Island logo placement dedication ceremonies coming soon.



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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, 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 or your Dispatcher editor at ormnews@cox.net Website: curtishill.com

