



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

NARCOA Affiliate Member



ORM Bricktown presence

by Gary Githens



Photograph by Gary Githens

Retro Metro OKC and ORM display will be in the Red Dirt Emporium. This is the location where canal boat ride tickets are purchased. Continued on page 6.

Thomas returns to ORM

Day out with Thomas photographs by Raymond Woods



photograph by Raymond Woods

Thomas working hard pulling his train upgrade under 23rd street.



Photograph by Raymond Woods

A special thanks to Midwest Regional Medical Center and staff for providing medical support for DOWT. Visitors enjoyed their tours of the ambulance.



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Business was brisk at the Thomas store.

The President's Column



I want to thank all of you for your help on the Thomas Event we just finished. It was a success. All our visitors seemed to have a good time. Ticket sales and store sales were up. With the current economy, I was pleasantly surprised. This will provide us with badly needed funds for next years projects.

Now it is time to bear down on the Halloween trains and the Christmas trains. We are advertising the Halloween trains and expect to see an increase in riders this year.

The Dental Depot sponsoring this Halloween activity is a real benefit to us. Call Larry Dodd or Ken Kozak if you can help with this effort. Ticket prices are \$ 10 per person, but a dollar off if you come in costume. I plan to be a clown for the day. You may want to attend just to see that.

Stan Hall

The Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd. is a 501-3(c) organization. Donations are tax deductible.

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

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2011 Board of Director Elections

Board Positions Open for Nominations

Vice President

Current position holder: Larry Dodd

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Current position holder: Jim Murray

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Current position holder: Kenneth Kozak

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Current position holder: Bob Hussey

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Current position holder: John Ansell

Nominees will be published in the December and January issues of the Dispatcher.

Elections will be during the annual membership meeting January 8, 2011 beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the Home-town Buffet. More information next month.

The Oklahoma Railway Museum by-laws require elections for the positions listed at left in 2011. The position term is for 2 years.

Nominees Qualifications

ORM member for **6 months prior to Nov. 15th, 2009**

Nominations must be received **on or before November 15th 2010.**

Send nominations to:

Gary Moore, Membership Chairman

Mail: 1112 Providence Ct.

Edmond, OK 73003-6155

e-mail: gkrim@swbell.net

Museum Update by Drake Rice



Another successful DOWT event has been held at the ORM. This year was better than last year with attendance being up. A good number of people need a thank you for an event of this size. It was great to see all who were helping make the event a wonderful time for families in the region. Again as in past years, we had people from all over the metro area, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico. There were a lot of happy kids that enjoyed this year's event. A special thanks to President Stan Hall, Harry Curry, Pat Riley, Jim Pasby, Jim Murray, Charles Price, Bob Cos-sairt, Bob Nantois and Bob Hussey who really put considerable time into this year's event.

During September, the museum was able to obtain over 16,000 tons of ballast for the price of hauling and it has been stock piled for use on the main line from NE 50th street to NE 10th at Eckroat Seed Co. This will allow continued improvement in the track roadbed for train operations. In addition, a lot of new ties have been installed on the Depot track which will improve the track conditions and should handle the track for another 30 years. The ties being replaced came from the Xerox Plant spur that was taken up around 2000 when the Kirkpatrick Turnpike was built and had been installed in the 1980's, so the ties were at the end of their life since they were pine ties. The new ones are oak.

During the next few weeks, work will resume on painting the CNW 7721 passenger car and maintenance work on the equipment. The museum is also busy getting ready for the Halloween Trains and we are looking forward to working with our partner, Dental Depot on this new event. We hope it will become an annual activity at the museum. Following the Halloween train, the OKC Train show and then the Christmas Trains will close out another successful year at ORM.

With the winter months, members will be able to work on equipment and address items that have been put off due to lack to time. There are a number of projects that need attention to improve the museum and provide a more interesting place to visit. Our museum continues to grow and gain recognition as a place where things happen and large scale restoration projects happen. The work on the RS3 and re-siding of the CNW 7721 have demonstrated that while at the same time continuing to operate trains and serving the public good. Many of the people who visited Thomas from out of state commented on how nice it was to have such a place available to visit and actually be able to ride a train and ring an engine bell.

We have had the Chickasaw Nation representatives out to take picture of Engine OKRX 2 and there will probably be some special activities in the future with the tribe. ORM will look forward to working with them in future events.

Work continues on improving the grounds and installing additional displays for people to enjoy. We need to work on moving the hydrant in the side walk by the Yard Office and make repairs to the water system over at the museum building (Carlson House) to make it more usable. We continually need help in the cataloging of items donated and set out for display and Jim Pasby can always use help on the train layout. I think they are planning some major track work this winter.

So let's all keep up the good work and provide a few hours each month to the Oklahoma Railway Museum. It will be a good investment for the area and state.



View ORM videos on Youtube.com. Search "Oklahoma Railway Museum we really need more "hits" for our youtube videos

Visit the ORM website on Facebook.com. Become a friend of the ORM.

Day Out with Thomas 2010



Terry Birchett lubricating Thomas in preparation for a days work.



Mom-O the clown applies face paint.

Photographs this page by Raymond Woods



The ORM miniature golf course was a popular venue.



Audience participation was popular at the entertainment venue.



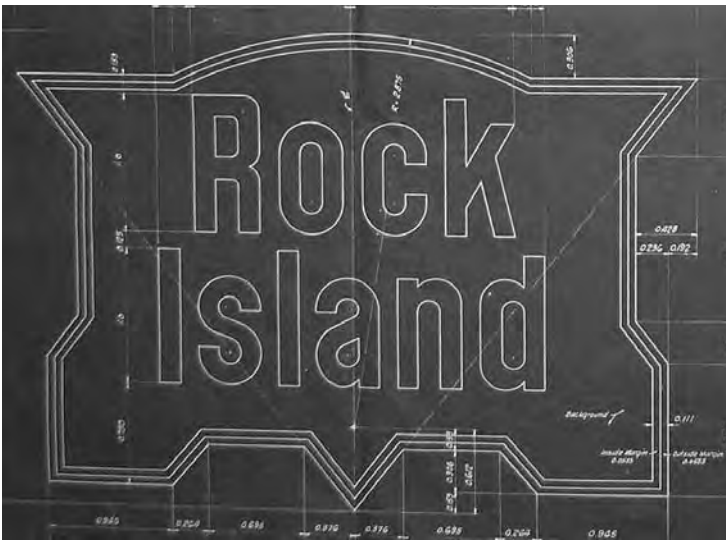
The morning staff briefing is over and the crew prepares to board passengers.



The crew on duty the after the last trip Thomas ran gathers for a photo with him.

What is it officially called?

Day Out with Thomas 2010



Photograph by Neal Baucom

Neal Baucom commented about some disagreements among rail fans as to what the above is called. Is it a logo, emblem or something else. If you want to submit your idea, send to ormnews@cox.net.



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.

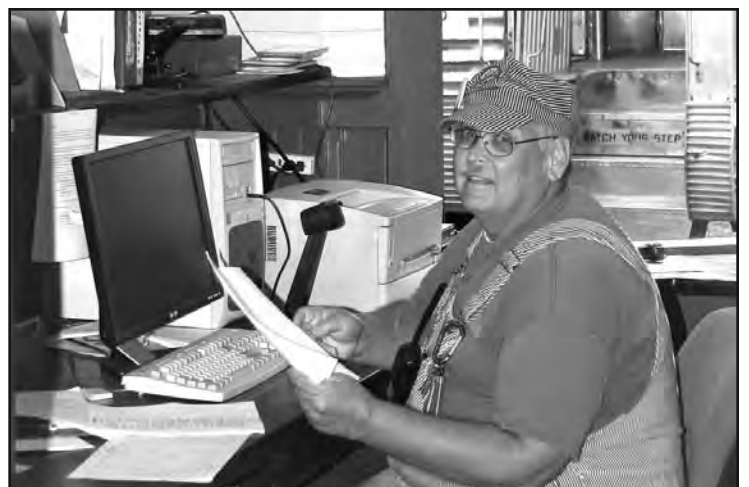


The ORM model railroad was a popular venue

photographs this page by Raymond Woods



Bill Graham and other car hosts were busy between rides cleaning windows.



Train dispatcher Bob Cook

ORM Bricktown presence



Front entrance to Red Dirt Emporium which has provided space to Retro Metro OKC who in turn have offered to share some of it with the ORM.



The patio space in front of Red Dirt Emporium has a high traffic count. There will be a sign in the window advertising the Retro Metro OKC and ORM display.

Thanks to Mr. Chad Huntington for providing space to Retro Metro OKC. Also to Retro Metro OKC for offering the ORM the opportunity to participate.

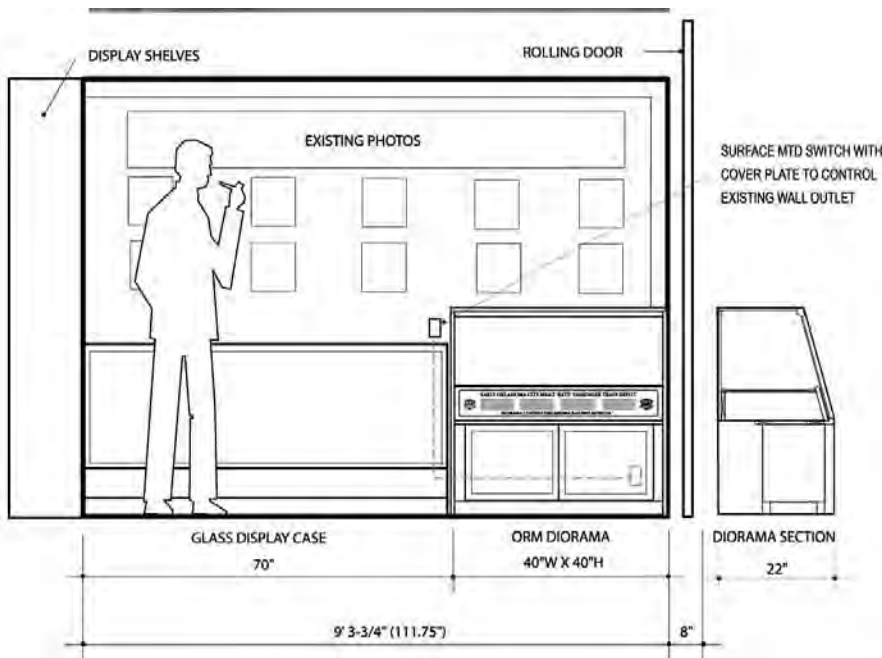
The design at left is by ORM member and retired architect Sam Mills. Sam has graciously agreed to take on building the display layout.

The detail lower left is using the case available. Sam has come up with a design for a case just for the model as shown in the lower right detail. It would better display the model.

It has since been decided that only the passenger depot will be constructed in a case about 36 inches wide. This is because of space availability, budget and viewing. The ORM board approved funds for the project at the September meeting.

There will be ORM information available for the public. It is hoped this high traffic area promotion will help get the word out about the Oklahoma Railway Museum.

Thanks to our host Chad Huntington and Steve Lackmyer and Retro Metro OKC for this opportunity.



PROPOSED RETRO METRO OKLAHOMA RAILWAY MUSEUM DIORAMA

SEPT 27, 2010

design and drawing by Sam Mills

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. (_____) _____

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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 _____

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Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell Phone _____

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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.

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

Christmas Train
December 18th

Annual membership banquet
Jan. 8th