



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

NARCOA Affiliate Member



2012 ORM membership meeting

by Gary Githens

The 2012 Oklahoma Railway Museum Membership Banquet was held January 7th. Attendees began arriving as early as 5:15 P.M. to allow time to get their meals and for fellowship.

The business meeting began at 7:00 P.M. with welcome and recognition of guests by Drake Rice.

ORM President Stan Hall then gave an overview of events for each month.

January: Mistletoe II car into shop for window glass replacement and air conditioning system.

February: Chickasaw locomotive deemed ready for operation. Test runs revealed more work to be accomplished.

March: Baggage car donated by the Union Pacific arrived.

April: Model railroad operational. Entrance canopy installed.

May: Parking for Women's Softball College World Series brings in some additional funds. Rock Island and Frisco historical heralds set for permanent display.



Raymond Woods

Roy and Darlene Thornton left and ORM President Stan Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton were owners of the Mistletoe II passenger car. They had been leasing it to the ORM for \$1.00 per year. Last year they donated it to the ORM.

June: Replaced two air conditioning units on cars. Sam Mills completes and places ORM Bricktown display.

July: Shuttlewagon car mover operational.

August: Preparations for Day Out with Thomas begin as primary efforts

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Volunteer comment about Christmas train rides

by Nancy Benham

I have volunteered to car host on Christmas rides for several years. All volunteers know it is considerable work and tiring as well as giving up our time the Saturday before Christmas. I do so enjoy the Christmas train rides. This year an event on the last ride of the day is what makes it worth while to be a volunteer. A little boy addressed me as Mrs. Claus and presented me a picture he cut out of a magazine

with Merry Christmas written on the back side. He signed the card *from Link*. He was so precious. Then he handed me a letter and asked if I would give it to Santa. When I advised he could give it to Santa because Santa would be through the car shortly, he was so happy he beamed from ear to ear. Those moments make volunteering so the rides can happen worthwhile.

The President's Column



Last weekend we had our Annual meeting at the Hometown Buffet. The turnout was good and I believe everyone had a good time. Several longtime members made it to the meeting. It was nice to see them. Larry Loomis had a good report of his Activities for the year. He has made a lot of Progress in the Displays during the year. Stop by and see them next time you are at the museum.

This weekend we provided hosts for the Amtrak 40th anniversary train that was in Oklahoma City Saturday and Sunday. There were outstanding displays of their History as well as a play area for Children. I took a lot of pictures of their displays for ideas for the Museum. We can do some of the things they have on their Train, all it takes is time and money.

Chuck has been hosting several Birthday Parties during the time we are not running trains. It really helps with the cash flow. He can use some help if you have time on a Saturday.

Stan Hall

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IMPORTANT REQUEST TO VOLUNTEERS: It is extremely important you record you volunteer hours. Please log in and log out on the time sheets. Volunteer hours worked are a major factor in grant application evaluations.

Notice to train crew members

Mandatory training course

GCOR and rules testing
 Saturday February 25th
 9:00 A.M until 5:00 P.M.

A study guide will be emailed. If you have questions or would like to begin training for train crew operations contact Greg Hall at gbhall@cox.net

This is a great opportunity to become involved in rail-roading. Work your way up to locomotive engineer.

Plan early, mark your calendar now for:

May 12 - National Train Day
 June 9 - Member's picnic and train ride
 Sept 28, 29, 30 - Day Out with Thomas
 Oct 5, 6, 7 - Day Out with Thomas
 Oct 27 - Halloween Trains
 Dec 1 & 2 - Okla City Train Show
 Dec 15 - Christmas Trains

Museum Update by Drake Rice



With the holidays behind us, attention now turns to the maintenance needs at the museum to prepare for the 2012 Operating Season. With the shop building we are able to continue work on various projects regardless of the outside weather. Inside the shop are the GN Chair Car, RI Caboose and the Car Mover with other items in open areas, so volunteers when the outside weather is not suitable for work can move inside.

As mentioned, a really big project is the rebuilding of the Rock Island Caboose which has 2/3's of the floor and half of one side taken out. Since the caboose was an old box car prior to World War II, the car requires basically wood, our wood shop in the old refrigerator car is getting a good work out. The Wood shop crew has also finished working on the window ledges in the GN car and added the varnish which really allows them to shine.

Work is under way in the RI Combine car to allow it to be used for birthdays since we are having a big demand for that type of activity at the museum. Also, the seats in the car need some attention. The UV rays have begun to take their toll on them along with the age, so there will be an opportunity for volunteers to begin taking the seats out and either repairing them or replacing them.

There is ceiling repair needing to be done in the CNW 7721 chair car along with some seats that also need at-

ention. There are some other minor items on the interior that need to be checked out.

The display car has really been updated and we have a lot more items that need attention. We appreciate the efforts of Larry Loomis in making the displays a lot more interesting. In addition, he prepared an excellent display for the Amtrak 40th Anniversary Train that was at the Amtrak station (Formerly Santa Fe) in downtown Oklahoma City. Pictures of all the served stations were displayed. Again the museum appreciates all who helped with this project and we thank Amtrak and Oklahoma Rail Planning Office and Judi Elmore of the Heartland Flyer Coalition for helping organize the event here in Oklahoma City.

As always, the museum can use more volunteers. If you have some interest and want to help with a project, come by the museum and get more information. We are expecting a busy 2012 for ORM and we will need all the help we can get. Hope to see you at the museum. If you have any questions, contact Anne Murray at the museum office 405-424-8222, Thursday and Fridays between the hours of 9AM and 4:30PM.

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September: Mistletoe II is ready for Day Out with Thomas. Day Out with Thomas event last weekend.

October: Day Out with Thomas the first week end. Halloween train rides.

November: Rock Island Combo car moved from El Reno to ORM.

December: Roy and Darlene Thornton donate the Mistletoe II to the ORM. Oklahoma City Train Show. Christmas Train rides. Rock Island caboose into shop for siding replacement. Newsletter distribution goes to color and e-mail process.

Another order of business at the annual Membership meeting is election of officers. This year only one nomination was received for each office and those nominations were for those holding the office the previous two years. Those currently holding office all agreed to serve two additional years.

Bob Hussey delivered the book "Iron Horses of the Santa Fe" to the museum from Steamboat Deason, and left it to the museum.

Larry Loomis, Director of Museum Displays presented a report of the progress with the Museum archives. His report will be in next months issue of the Dispatcher.

Ed Birch Jr. made a brief report on the OKC Train Show. Attendance was 11,190, down about 6,000 from last year probably because of the bad weather reports.

Recognition award recipients on page 4 and 5.

2012 ORM membership meeting award recipients



Raymond Woods

David Townsend David has volunteered for several years as a locomotive engineer, the job he has with the BNSF. He also conducts the FRA training program for ORM train crew members.



Raymond Woods

Bob Nantois Bob spent an extreme amount of time performing preparation for painting work on the Mistletoe II car.



Gary Githens

Sam Mills Sam is one of those behind the scenes workers. He designs the ORM brochures, rack cards and is the ORM volunteer graphic designer. You will remember his efforts building the display case and model for the ORM Bricktown display.

2012 ORM membership meeting award recipients

Jim Murray Jim heads up the ORM mechanical repair operations and performed the mechanical work on the Mistletoe II.



Raymond Woods

Greg Hall Greg was in charge of replacing windows in the Mistletoe II and for his efforts with painting the Mistletoe II car



Raymond Woods

Terry Birchett For his efforts refurbishing the RS3 Chickasaw locomotive, overhauling the Shuttlewagon and helping in replacing windows on the Mistletoe II.



Gary Githens

Christmas 2011 at the Oklahoma Railway Museum

story & photos by Gary Githens

The 2011 ORM Christmas train rides were a success. Thank you to **Dental Depot** for providing their vehicles on display, gift bags and the ever popular Smiley O'Riley; **Crest Foods** and **Santiago's McDonald's** restaurants for providing gift certificates and to the many volunteers.

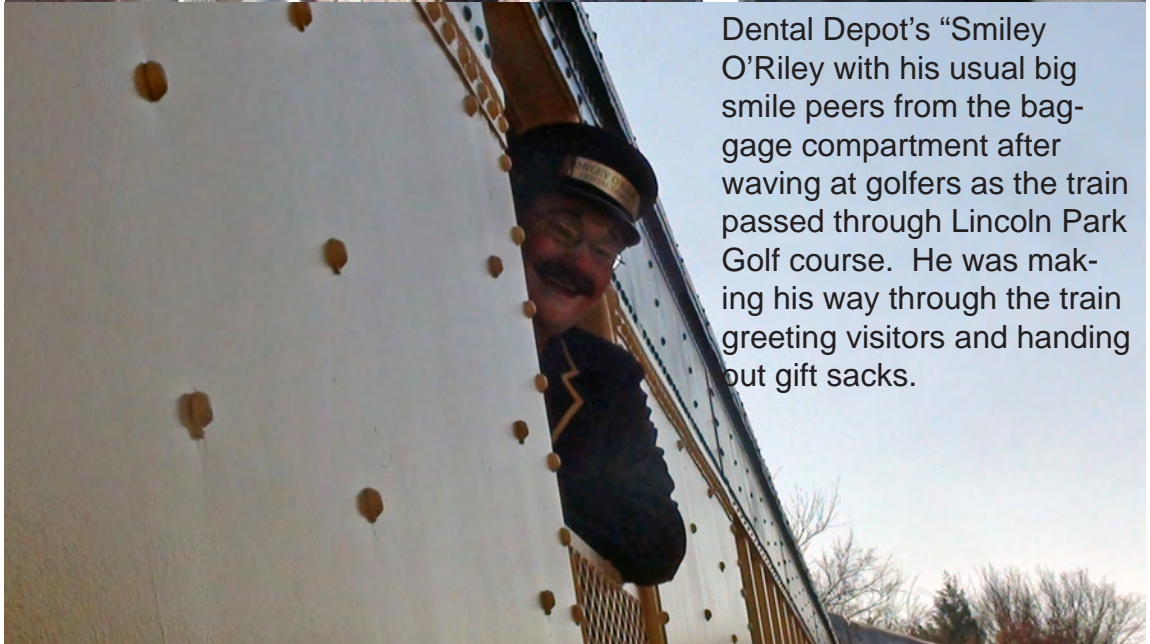
The Board of Directors has voted to run an additional train in December, 2012. The primary reason being to decrease the tickets sold for each ride. Additionally car assignments will be made during the ticketing process.

We were a few short of car hosts this ride day. Please consider volunteering this coming December 15th and mark your calendar now.

The goal is to have a minimum of 3 car hosts per car, 4 car hosts make the distribution of items much more efficient.

Even if you can only help for a couple of rides please volunteer this year.

A calendar of events in on the Oklahoma Railway Museum website.



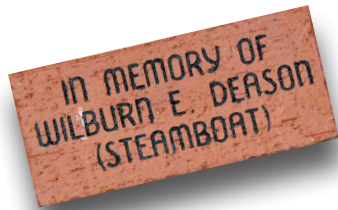
Dental Depot's "Smiley O'Riley with his usual big smile peers from the baggage compartment after waving at golfers as the train passed through Lincoln Park Golf course. He was making his way through the train greeting visitors and handing out gift sacks.



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.
Up to a maximum of 4 lines with 16 letters and spaces per line

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Become an ORM Member

2012 ORM/NRHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

- New Membership Renewal Membership (begin Jan 1st) Date _____
 - \$36.00 per year – Individual Membership in the Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd. (spouse included) Pro-rated dues \$3.00 per month
 - \$30.00 per year – Individual Senior (age 65 and up) (spouse included) and Individual Student (full-time student) Membership in ORM Pro-rated dues \$2.50 per month
 - \$36.00 per year – To add Railway Historical Society (NRHS) Membership (add \$5.00 for spouse) (Student Memberships: \$16 per year)
- SEND NRHS DUES TO ORM ADDRESS BELOW, NOT DIRECTLY TO NRHS**
- \$500.00 - Lifetime Membership

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

NOTICE: The model railroad will be closed until the 1st train ride in April for major remodeling.

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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Saturday February 25th
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TIMETABLE

Any changes to the following information or articles for "the Dispatcher," should be directed to the Editor, Gary Githens, (e-mail: ORMnews@cox.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 August 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. except for Jan the 31st and Sept 20th 2012

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.

