



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

NARCOA Affiliate Member



## ORM volunteer receives prestigious honor



Raymond Woods

ORM member and volunteer Kenneth Kozak was recently awarded the "Paint Contractor of the Year" by Paint Contractor magazine. Paint Contractor magazine is a national publication with subscribers in all the states. Ken was selected from 1276 nominations for the honor.

Ken is owner of Christian Brothers Painting. The company has been in business since 1970. Visit his web site at: [www.christianbrotherspainting.com](http://www.christianbrotherspainting.com).

You can view pictures of some of his work on the web site. One of the projects (volunteer) is the painting of the Chicago and Northwestern chair car number 7721.

The article about Ken in Paint Contractor magazine has not come out as of the time this newsletter went to press. I will have a follow up story in a later issue.

Congrats Ken, we are proud of you and thankful for all the time you spend volunteering at the ORM.

## Cub scout pack visits

by Gary Githens



Raymond Woods

Members of Cub Scout pack 147 visited the museum July 16th. The pack meets at Midwest Blvd. Christian Church in Midwest City. The group consisted of 10 cub scouts, a few siblings, parents Cub Master Drue Chilton and assistant Cub Master Jay Chilton.



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ORM's Anne Murray is a volunteer at Cub Scout Pack 147. She accompanied them on the outing. In the above photograph she answers questions from riders.

# The President's Column



It is Saturday and preparations for Thomas are almost complete. Things are going smoothly and we should have another great event. Ticket sales are ahead of last year. I have hopes of a big increase in attendance. We have our refurbished Mistletoe II car in the consist. I really need to thank our Mechanical Department for all their efforts to get this done. It was a larger job than any of us anticipated

but the results are a nice lightweight car that fits in with the other lightweight cars.

We are already preparing for the Halloween train the end of October. Once again, Dental Depot is joining us for this fun train day. Their clown will be on the train talking with the Kids and giving out tooth brushes and other dental care items. We are giving a \$ 2.00 discount for Adults in costume.

That is about all for this month. We will have information on elections and the Christmas train next month.

Stan Hall

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## **Board of Directors**

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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.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Oklahoma Railway Museum could use your help! We need to have car host's on the days we run the train. Car host's help our visitors find the ticket office and help them board the train. They tell our visitors about the equipment and its history; the track and it's history and the museum and it's history. Car host's also answer questions our guest may have. Information sheets are provided.

**However, you don't have to know all the answers. The primary objective is to assist passengers on and off the train and remind them to remain seated when the train is moving.**

For most of this year we have not had anyone to car host, so the operating crew (conductor and brake-

man) have had to cover it. This has left some cars with nobody from ORM to visit with our guests. We are not putting our best foot forward.

We need some members to volunteer to work as car hosts. Hopefully enough will step forward that they would only have to be scheduled a few times a year. This years rides are about over but we need to get this in place for next year.

We also could use some more docents to greet our visitors, especially on Saturdays so if you have some time come out and give us a hand.

We will need car host's for the Halloween and Christmas rides.

## Museum Update by Drake Rice



By the time this article is read, DOWT 2012 will be winding down. At this time, however, preparations are in full swing and the number of volunteers working on a daily basis at the museum is greatly appreciated.

The grounds look good, touch up painting is underway and the plan is to use yellow chain this year instead of the barricade orange fencing which should help improve the visual look of the grounds for our guests. Our Thomas guest will find the museum grounds a great place to visit not only for this activity but for our other operations during the year.

The train this year looks really good. All the work the maintenance folks have done is really amazing. Of course the two nice additions are the CNW 7721 which has a new paint job and will be handling the handicapped service for the visitors and the GN chair car which has new windows, body work, electrical, heating and cooling system and new speakers. This was a major overhaul of this car of which the museum should be proud.

The GN car was made possible by Roy and Darlene Thornton who donated the car to the museum several years ago, and it had set at the school yard siding awaiting funds to be budgeted for the major overhaul. The museum does appreciate this nice donation to the museum and again as mentioned, due to the efforts of our great volunteers, it is a very nice addition to the fleet of cars the museum can operate for Thomas and other events and raises our DOWT train seats to 390 per train.

The Operations Department held training runs on Sunday the 18th of September to check car location and train spotting, train handling and timing of the runs. All went well. As I was standing there looking at the museum train, it is really a beautiful looking train that reflects on the quality of service that the museum works to achieve.

The shop is now cleared out and Larry Dodd is handling the store managers position this year which is always a big undertaking for the museum and we

appreciate Larry for stepping up to this challenge.

The museum received a RPO car Saturday, which was a former RI car, which will be another huge project for the museum, but that will be for a future time. Bob Hussey led the effort to save this last RPO (Railroad Post Office car) in Oklahoma. If you would like to help the museum recover the cost of moving the car, send your donations to the museum, marked RPO Car.

As always, your museum can always use your help. See you at the museum.

### **Dispatcher procedure change**

Over the last couple of years the cost of mailing and printing have continued to increase, which has impacted the cost of the Dispatcher. Also with all the budget problems with Washington and possible reductions in postal service, ORM has decided it will join most other museum groups in offering the newsletter electronically effective January 2012. ORM will be working on a method for members who do not have internet to be able to receive a copy of the newsletter by mail. We regret that we have reached this point, but unfortunately costs continue to increase which we have no control over.

"If you do have internet, we need to verify your e-mail address so you can receive the newsletter in electronic format. Please send it to Anne Murray at the Oklahoma Railway Museum. If you have questions, please call the museum on Thursday or Friday between 9:00AM and 4:30PM."

### **Membership dues**

The ORM membership dues for ORM will be increased by \$6.00 effective 2012. Please remember this is for ORM dues and not applicable to NRHS dues.

mark your calendar to attend

# Halloween Train October 29th

*Dental Depot is joining us for this fun train day. Their clown will be on the train talking with the Kids and giving out tooth brushes and other dental care items.*



***\$2.00 discount for adults in costume***

***Remember all the fun last year? Come out and join in the fun. Wear your costume and you may make it into the newsletter. Don't miss the fun at the ORN on Halloween ride day.***

Note: newsletter editor will be present in the event you want to bring him treats.

# Join the happy folks for the ORM Christmas Train



## December 17th

mark your calendar to attend

## Motor Car Trips Scheduled

ORM's Drake Rice who is an Excursion Coordinator under the NARCOA Rules for the museum has announced two fall trips planned for the ORM NARCOA Members. The first is on the A-OK Railroad from McAlester to Red Oak on Saturday, October 15th. The A-OK is a great friend of ORM and supports our museum and allows the museum to schedule these trips.

The second trip is on the Farmrail system with two trips, a Saturday from Clinton to Sayre and then on Sunday from Sentinel to Altus. These trips are on November 19 & 20. Again Farmrail is another great supporter of ORM and they have allowed the museum to schedule these outing on their system.

***Drake is also looking for someone to train as an Excursion Coordinator for the museum who can help with trip planning and the paper work that is required at the set on location.***

Our ORM/NARCOA members, Guy Lynn, Jim Murray, Bruce Sealy, Terry Birchett and others have helped with the car inspections that are required before a unit and take the trip. Their help is always appreciated.

If you are a NARCOA member and member of the museum and want to more information about the trips, contact Drake at drake.rice@cox.net for the ride information.

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## 2012 Board of Director Elections

### **Board Positions Open for Nominations**

#### **President**

Current position holder: Stan Hall

#### **Treasurer**

Current position holder: Charles Price

#### **NRHS Director**

Current position holder: Bob Nantois

#### **Director of Buildings & Static Displays**

Current position holder: Bob Cossairt

#### **Director at Large**

Current position holder: Harry Currie

#### **Director of Museum Activities**

Current position holder: Greg Hall

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

Elections will be during the annual membership meeting January 7, 2012 beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the Hometown Buffet. More information next month.

The Oklahoma Railway Museum by-laws require elections for the positions listed at left in 2012. The position term is for 2 years.

#### Nominees Qualifications

ORM member for 6 months prior to Nov. 15th, 2011

Nominations must be received on or before November 15th 2011.

Send nominations to:

Drake Rice  
3121 Talon Road  
Edmond, OK 73013-7478

e-mail: drakerice@ompa.com

**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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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



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*the Dispatcher*

## A tremendous opportunity to support your Oklahoma Railway Museum

ORM is a member of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation which is an endowment fund to provide a sustainable source of income annually to support the museum in the future. The museum fund balance was \$35,478.03 on December 31, 2010. We received \$1350.00 interest income in 2010. Over the years the Foundation has had fund drive promotions to help the museum. This year they are again issuing a challenge to organizations in the Foundation that have less than \$50,000 in the fund.

Beginning April 1, they will match donations dollar for dollar up to a matching grant of \$5,000.00. This means if members and others donate \$5,000 to the ORM Fund, they will provide a \$5,000 match and the museum increases its fund by \$10,000.00. This is a wonderful opportunity for the museum

The expectations are as follows; 1. Funds must be received between April 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Contributions may be in cash, marketable securities or

other assets which may be converted to cash. 2. Contribution can come from individuals, foundations or corporations or from the organization itself. The annual distribution made in October is eligible to count toward the match if it is reinvested. 3. A minimum of \$1000 must be raised before a match will be made. 4. Matches that are completed by June 30, 2011 will be matched by that date with the total being included in the year-end fund balances. Matches completed after June 30 will be matched in January 2012 following the Challenge deadline.

This is a wonderful way to help the museum in the long term to sustain itself many years into the future. I hope you will give consideration and get to this important program. Remember, all donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions, please visit with Stan Hall 830-5190, Drake Rice 340-5047, Harry Currie 427-5473 or Bob Hussey 670-3235.