

The Dispatcher June and July 2020



Forward

2020 Upcoming Events



Regular Train Run: July 18th, 2020

Board Meeting: July 28th, 2020 at 7:00pm
Meeting held by ZOOM email us at info@oklahomarailwaymuseum.org if you want to virtually attend

Regular Train Run: August 1st, 2020

Regular Train Run: August 15, 2020

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Amanda, at amanda@oklahomarailwaymuseum.org

Volunteer News



The Annual Member's Meeting took place on June 13th, 2020 over Zoom. Members Darryl Owens, Bill Wright, David Townsend, and Jeff Moles received Certificates of Appreciation. Greg Hall received a Plaque in appreciation for his work on The Polar Express last year. Judy Gore received a beautiful Santa Fe Locomotive Cookie Jar as a thank you for all the cookies she bakes for us. To see the meeting presentation. click [here](#).

July 4th was our first train run of the year! Anne and Amanda worked tirelessly to make sure our volunteers and passengers were as safe as possible. All train seating is now assigned to ensure social distancing. There are hand sanitizer stations all over the museum. The train cars were fully disinfected between each run, and all volunteers and passengers were required to wear masks.

There was engine trouble, unfortunately, and we had to cancel the 3:15 run, but it was an overall success! We had over 70 passengers, and it will definitely help get the museum back on track!

We can't do anything without our great volunteers! If you feel comfortable returning to the museum and would like to help during an upcoming event, please contact Amanda at 405- 424-8222 or amanda@oklahomarailwaymuseum.org.

Museum Update

by Drake Rice

The last month has been a busy one at the museum. Volunteers and staff have been hard at work ensuring that the museum is safe to restart train operations. They moved the ticket office, from inside the depot to the baggage room. Tickets are now purchased through the North Baggage Room door. Bob Cossairt made clear shields to protect staff and the visitors. This also eliminated the congestion with the museum store that is still in the depot. Train seats have been numbered for assigned seats, to ensure social distancing while seated.

Member Rooke Jackson and his father repainted the lines in the parking lot. The old lines were very faded, and the new paint as helped a lot.

Member Steve Kamm installed a nice new informational sign at the entrance to provide information on current and upcoming activities to the public.

Member Jerry Gore has moved and re-spaced the benches on the Open-Air Car to allow wheelchairs access. He also disinfected the cars between train rides on the fourth in addition to all the grounds work and equipment maintenance that he takes on, on a regular basis.

Harry Currie assisted with getting the gutter on the Platform Canopy repaired. They were damaged by a storm last year. Also, a number of members have stepped up and helped with the mowing and with all the rain, the grass has been growing quickly.

Several volunteers, led by Bob Cossairt, continued working on the trim and outside boards for the LeFlore Depot. Steve Kamm has also been painting the trim. Members have been working on the corbels, that will be installed along the South and North sides. Once the outside is finished the work will move to the interior. Fortunately, the museum had purchased the materials prior to the Covid-19 issues, so it has allowed members to continue on the project without a lot of expense.

Charles Price and Jerry Gore re-decked a rail push cart for the museum to use as needed for track maintenance. The cart has already been put in service hauling ballast for minor wash outs along the track. The museum has another frame that they are considering re-decking.

Guy Lynn is staying busy working on MKT 48, to get it back in service. The old Frisco Caboose has been moved out of the shop along with the Santa Fe Box car and MKT 48 has been moved inside to allow a better work area. Engine 4649 is in the shop being prepped for painting.

New member Jordan Green has bee a great help around the museum, assisting staff, track work and working on many other projects. He also wrote an article for the Oklahoman on the museum's July 4th train ride.

As you can see, there is always something that can use volunteer help. If you can, stop by, help is always appreciated.

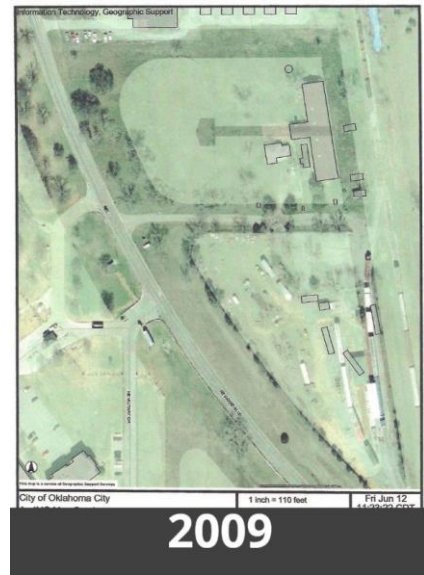
Board of Trustees' Report

Trustee Update from June 30th Trustee meeting.

- Board voted to continue having the bill board on I-35 since Larmar reduced the cost 50%.
- The loan for personnel cost through the pandemic has been forgiven as a grant, the amount was \$11,585. Staff had also applied for a second grant and would know something by July 17th .
- President reported he should have a draft agreement for Polar Express by July 3.
- The Annual Train Show has been cancelled till 2021. A refund for the building is being requested.
- Staff reported they had delayed group tours till August 1st .
- Staff was applying for a \$1000 grant to purchase PPE.
- Engine 48 is needing four injectors repaired and will need around 110 gallons of oil. It is estimated that the injectors will cost between \$300 to \$700 each and the oil will be around \$819 a 55-gallon drum.
- The MKT Inspection car is now fully operational.

Museum Finances June Report

Memberships	\$ 35.00	Checking Account \$
	9,283.18	
Gift Shop	\$ 962.26	Regent Bank \$ 9,984.00
Donations	\$ 2,266.00	Frontier Bank Balance \$
	222,057.94	
Total Income	\$ 3,263.26	
Total Expenses	\$ 15,020.41	



Happy Twentieth Birthday to The Oklahoma Railway Museum!

Twenty years ago this month, the 3400 NE Grand Blvd property was purchased, and ORM was born! Let's take a look back at the year 2000

- **George W. Bush Was elected President for his first term.**
- **"Breathe" by Faith Hill was the years top song.**
- ***Gladiator* was the top film.**
- **The Summer Olympics were held in Sydney,**
- **Australia The first crew arrives to the International Space Station. Prices:**

Donation Box



Because of closings and cancellations, we are in need of donations more than ever before! Brick purchases and donations will make a real difference during this difficult time.

The museum is also in need on a box blade for our tractor. The one we have is worn out and beyond repair. If anyone has one to donate or funds toward a new one, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please visit our [website](#) if you are able to give!

Around the Museum



Finishing touches on the MKT Inspection car before its inaugural passenger July 4th.



The Open Air Car now has seat numbers to help ensure social distancing.



Eric Dilbeck sanitizes passenger cars.



Volunteers Eric Dilbeck, Jordan Green, and Steve Kamm next to newly constructed bulletin board at front entrance



Honorees Bill Wright, David Townsend, Jim Hackworth, and Darryl Owens receive their certificates of appreciation from Board president, Eric Dilbeck.

