

The Dispatcher July/August 2024

The Fall Event Season

It's hard to believe, but Fall is just around the corner! We are wrapping up our Regular season on August 31st, and there won't be events in September, to give our mechanical team time to make sure all of our equipment is in top shape for the Fall Event Season.

The Fall Events Season starts **Saturday, October 12th** with The Annual Member's Picnic. Join us for a potluck lunch followed by a train ride. **Saturday, October 19th** is Retired Railroaders' Appreciation Day as well as the Fall Meeting of 'The Reading the Rails' Book Club. This Time we are reading *The Cautious Traveller's Guide to the Wastelands* by Sarah Brooks. Join the bookclub [here!](#) The Halloween Train is **Sat. October 26th and Sun October 27th**. Stop by museum for a day of spooky family fun!

The fun continues on **November 2nd and 3rd** with the Annual OKC Train Show at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. And our Biggest Event of the Year, Polar Express, pulls into town on **Monday November 11th** and continues through the end of the year!

As you can see it's going to be a super busy time and we need volunteers for all these events! This is just an overview of the season so keep an eye out for more info!

Upcoming Events

- **Regular Train Run:** August 17th, 2024
 - **Labor Day weekend Train Run:** August 31st, 2024
 - **Members Picnic:** Saturday October 12th, 2024
 - **Retired Railroaders Day:** Saturday October 19th, 2024
 - **Book Club Meeting:** Saturday October 19th, 2024
 - **Halloween Train:** October 26th & 27th, 2024
 - **Polar Express:** November 11th through December 29th
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Trustee Meeting: June 25th, 2024

- Approved Minutes of May 28th meeting
 - Treasurer's Report & Expenditure Review
 - Financials Review and Budget
 - Status of Grants and Donations
 - Employee and Department Reports
 - Acquisitions Report
 - Train Show Report
 - 2028 Olympic Softball in OKC
 - Discussion to purchase boom mover and Hy-Rail
 - Next meeting July 30, 2024
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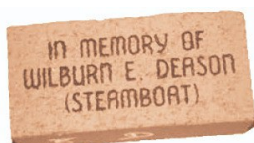
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 - GE 25 Ton Locomotive Overhaul
 - Wheels on Rails
 - 2028 Olympics
 - Museum Grounds Weed Control
 - Next meeting August 27, 2024
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Introducing New Board Member Paul Stephens!

Hello, I'm Paul Stephens, and I am excited to introduce myself as the newest member of the Oklahoma Railway Museum board of trustees.



One of my goals is to strategically use videos and the ORM website to increase museum awareness and to educate and encourage individuals to join our dedicated group of volunteers. As part of this effort, we are hosting a Volunteer Program Information Session once a month to provide a structured environment for potential volunteers who seek a more formal orientation. So far, our campaign of targeted videos and two-way communication has been successful. Serving on the board is an honor, and I look forward to contributing my skills to further enhance this already outstanding museum.



Donation Box

In anticipation of our new museum expansion project, we are in need of donations more than ever before! Brick purchases and donations will make a real difference in helping us to achieve our goals.

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

The museum needs the following items:



- Plants and bushes for landscaping
- 6 & 8 ft plastic tables
- 6 ft. plastic picnic tables

Contact Anne Chilton 405-424-8222 annem@oklahomarailwaymuseum.org if you would like to purchase anything on this list. To donate funds click link [DONATE](#) and mention what funds are for in the note section of donation form. You can also mail us a donation if you prefer.

Around the Museum

Work continues on removing graphite on our lounge car. Volunteers Kevin Oakley and Greg Hall apply graphite remover on the side of the car to loosen the paint for removal.





President Eric Dilbeck and Harley Davis ride the people mover to clear fallen branches off the track south of the museum grounds.



Volunteers Jerry Gore and Jay Chilton (not pictured) remove the museum's old entrance sign. The sign will be refurbished and installed at another location.



Board member and volunteer Paul Stephens hosted a new volunteer orientation on July 13th. Pictured Left to Right: Glen Johnson, Steve Davis, Harley Davis, Frank Millan, and Paul Stephens.



Volunteer John Nave works on cleaning a cylinder liner for reinstallation on the head on our CF7 locomotive.



Volunteer John Nave recently got married! Congratulations to John and Janie Nave!



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Timetable

Oklahoma Railway Museum (ORM) - Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM
Closed on major holidays.

ORM Train Rides - First and third Saturdays, April through August at 9:15 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:15 PM and 3:15 PM

ORM Board Meetings - Last Tuesday of every month at Oklahoma Railway Museum - 7:00 PM

Oklahoma "N" Rail - For information call Rick Inselman (405) 412-1552

Oklahoma Model Railroad Association - For information contact Phil Howell via email omratrains@gmail.com

Central Oklahoma Garden Railroad Society Contact information:

Steve Lemcke (405) 703-0209 e-mail steve.lemcke@att.net

Marshall Douglas (405) 290-8989

Steve Kamm (405) 685-3755 email skamm@college.occ.edu

Passenger Rail Oklahoma - Passenger Rail Oklahoma volunteers provide Amtrak depot hosting for the Hartland Flyer in City of Norman, OK most evenings, holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
The depot opens at 7:50 AM. Contact Evan Stair at sfrr@aol.com, www.passengerrailok.org, or (405) 366-8957. Depot volunteer opportunities are available.

Oklahoma S.W. Division NMRA - 2nd Saturday of each month, 1:00 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.

Waynoka Station/Waynoka Historical Society - 202 South Cleveland, Waynoka, (580) 614-1896. If you can help,
call Charlene Bixler.

Corrections

Any changes to the above information or articles in "the Dispatcher" should be directed to the editor, at info@oklahomarailwaymuseum.org. For information on upcoming programs contact Anne Chilton at annem@oklahomarailwaymuseum.org.