



The Dispatcher January 2026



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Upcoming Events

- **GCOR Testing:** March 14th, 2026 corrected date
- **Annual Members Meeting:** March 28th, 2026
- **Easter Train:** April 4th, 2026
- **Steam Train:** April 10th-12th and 17th-19th, 2026
- **Book Club:** April 25th, 2026 (Join Book Club [Here](#))



Happenings

January began with a well earned break for our volunteers and staff. The museum was closed to the public for the first week of January, while the Rail Events staff took all their christmas decorations back to the North Pole (aka Durango, CO)

When we opened back up, the focus was on Polar gift shop inventory and clean up. It was another successful year, so thankfully we didn't have that much left over stock. Everything was counted, stacked, wrapped and put away for this year's Polar Express.

With their shop space back, The ORM volunteers got straight to work. Engines 90, 301, and 4648 all got moved into the shop for future repair and maintenance projects. The Santa Fe 90 will be getting a new fresh paint job.

The 301 and 4648 need some repairs and maintenance.

Volunteers also cleared all equipment from the rail yard in front of the shop to make room for Farmrail track workers to reorient some of our tracks there. That project will be completed in February.

Lastly, The LeFlore Depot was professionally insulated, paving the way for our volunteers to finish the walls, plumbing, electricity, etc. It's a huge step toward completing the new depot!

Polar Express 2025 by the Numbers

2025 was another successful year for the Polar Express. Below are some preliminary numbers for Polar 2025 (subject to change)

- **Ridership: 36,930 passengers**
- **Ticket revenue \$320,000.00**
- **Gift Shop Sales: \$221,582.04**
- **Gift Shop Profit: \$102,019.14**

Donation Box



Brick purchases and donations will make a real difference towards the museum's expansion and programs. Please visit our [website](#) if you are able to give!

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.

Call for Board Nominations!

Nominations for the 2026 Board of Directors election are due **before February 28th**. All nominations should be submitted in writing to info@oklahomarailwaymuseum.org. Nominees must have been members for at least six months and be members in good standing. Voting will take place at the annual members meeting, March 28th.

Positions up this year:

Vice President Bob Cook - standing for reelection for remainder of Vice President's 3 year term

Secretary Greg Hall - Standing for reelection

Treasurer Paul Stephens - standing for reelection for remainder of Treasurer's 3 year term

Trustee Vacant Trustee

Vacant

Trustees and Officers of the board shall be elected for staggered terms of three (3) years at the annual membership meeting.

An email with more info will be sent later in the week.

Around the Museum



Board Member Paul Stephens promotes the Steam Train ATT and rides on Channel 9.



Retired Railroaders Picnic October 2025



Volunteers Josh Glasstein, Louis Sullivan, and Paul Stephens on Engine 4648



Polar Express Christmas Market



Volunteers Steffan Reymann and Kevin Oakley on the Santa Fe 90



Volunteers Randy Bruton and Jay Chilton at The Polar Express



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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.