

# GEORGE COTNER DRIVES THE #824

*The American Heritage Railroad MTC Train #824 at the 2010 ATT&NW Friends Meet*



**George is in the engineer's seat as he takes #824 out of the Shop after rebuilding her starter motor**



**George takes the gleaming Blue Rocket into the Shop Yard**





**George eases the American Heritage #824 Train out of the Shop and toward the Main**  
(l-to-r: George Cotner, Jordan Willeford and Beverly Schmidt)





**Pup and friends enjoy the ride (l-to-r: Andrew Jugle, Jordan Willeford, Leah Cotner and Paul Schmidt)**



**George checks the gages as he runs outbound at low speed through Adian's Alley**





**Approaching the CPL signal to the Upper Loop at Woods Valley Wye**





**Starting to open the throttle while running smoothly through Arborway in the brilliant sunshine**





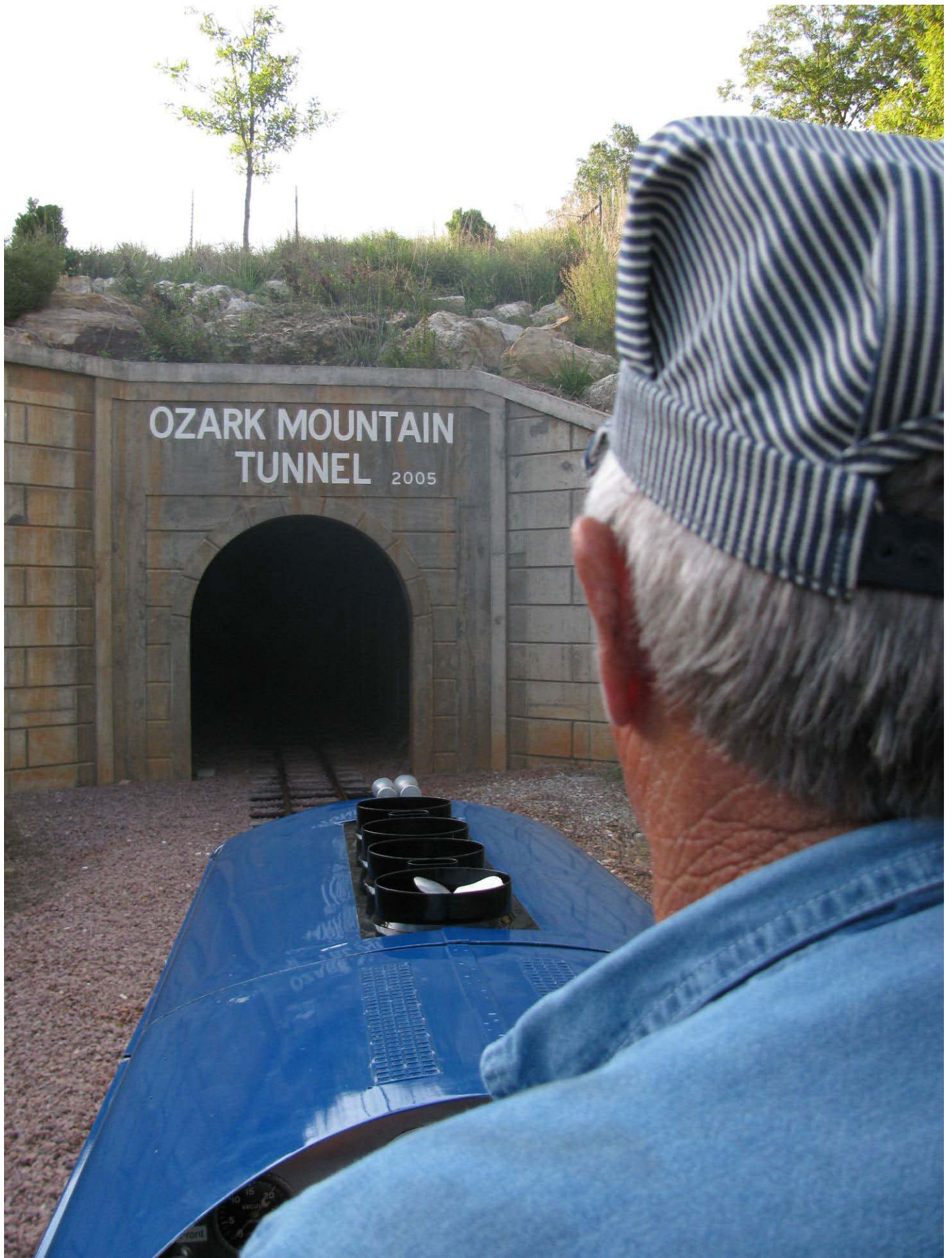
**We meet with the #801 at Arborway**





**Approaching the signals at Ozark Mountain Tunnel West on the down-bound track**





**George takes #824 into the Ozark Mountain Tunnel portal**





**Another meet: this time with the waiting #17 as we pass by on our approach to Miller Gate Crossing**





**Sunshine lights up the colors of the #824 as Engineer George heads her toward the River Road Crossing**





**After passing through Panhandle Junction, George heads her up toward the Miller Gate Crossing**





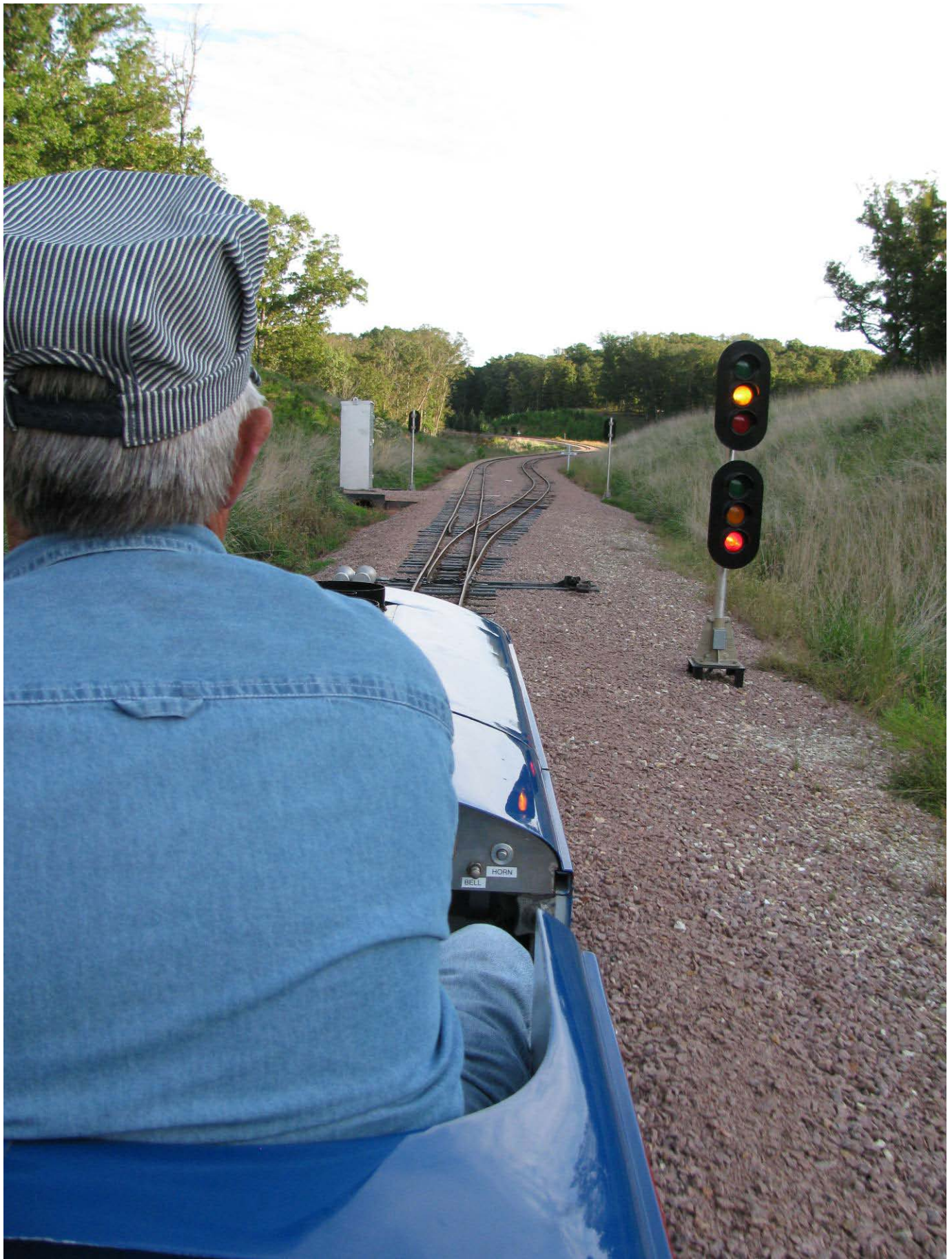
**The Ozark Mountain Tunnel portal looms ahead as George stretches #824's legs uphill on the highball**





**George coaxes her to full speed as we enter the Ozark Mountain Tunnel with the horn blaring**





**Blasting out of the tunnel, George takes #824 uphill with that Harley-sounding Wisconsin roaring**





**Heading up smoothly toward Arborway, the bright sun and azure sky blend the #824 with the scenery**





**Approaching the lower end of Arborway, George gets ready to throttle down for the East Sub**





**Slowing as we approach the Woods Valley Cut-Off**





**Entering the Woods Valley Cut-Off toward home**





**George runs the #824 past the Inner Loop Trestle after blowing the Cedar Pond Crossing**





**Almost home, George noses Train #824 smoothly onto Track #2 for the ride past Lakeside to the Station**





#824 and the Greenville Boys of the American Heritage Railroad want George to know we say:

**THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!**

*Paul and Beverly Schmidt*

*David Kessinger*

*Phil Waeltz*

*Jordan Willeford*

*See you at the throttle next year, George!*