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JACK'S GAP BRIDGE MEMORIAL DEDICATION





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The Joshua Tree and Southern Railroad Museum's Grand Scale Division honors the memory of our friend and fellow JT&S member Jack Sessums.



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SPANNING THE GAP.



Walt Whitman from 'Leaves of Grass'': ''Lo, soul! seest thou not God's purpose from the first?/ The earth to be spanned, connected by net-work."

Schedule of Events:

Welcome Greeting Tom Arnold, President, JT&S RR Museum

Bridge Dedication *Chris Allan, Coordinator, Grand Scale Division*

Christening Ceremony

First Steam Across the Gap Live Oak Canyon Shay Number 7 Jeff and John Sessums, Engine Crew

Refreshments *Rita Allan and her Dining Car Crew*



A gracious thank you to the Sessums Family- Beverly, Jeff and John, for their support and encouragement. Thanks also to all who have believed in our dream and vision. Today we celebrate not only our accomplishments in steel, but also the friends we have made, and the gift of their experiences shared. - *Chris Allan*