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**An OCME Family Weekend
August 7-9, 2009**

Welcome to our first OCME Family Weekend camp out. This event is designed for you, the OCME member, and your family to come down to the park, operate your trains day and night, camp out and share the camaraderie of our hobby. Even if you choose not to camp out, running your trains at anytime and especially at night is a wonderful experience and all are encouraged to attend. Since this is a non-sponsored event (the club will not provide food or beverages), please bring plenty of water to meet your needs, food for your meals, munchies as you wish and plenty of enthusiasm to enjoy the railroading experience.

Here are some simple guide lines to follow to make our weekend run smoothly:

- On Friday, bi-directional operations as you wish until 5:00 p.m., and then only run south. On Saturday run north and Sunday south. Radios (set to channel 9.25) are encouraged to be used at all times by our members. When operating bi-directional on Friday, radios should be used for safety and coordination.
- After 8:00 p.m., please no whistle or generators (campers).

- The first one in the compound opens it up – the last one out locks it up. After 8:00 p.m., the main gate wire will be strung, if you go through it – close it behind you for the safety of our group.
- Picking up the camp sight is our responsibility, please do your share.
- For birthday party members, you have the right of way during birthday party operations on Saturday, please run **north** and set up the layout as you would like. The membership will respect those switch settings and slower traffic is encouraged to give way.

If there are questions or concerns while at this family outing, please direct them to a board member or Russ Green the camp out coordinator.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful weekend.
~ TOOT TOOT ~

Russ Green

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Bob Brooks

In the not to distant future, our Club will be electing two new Board members. Carol Hunneyman and Bob Brooks will not be eligible to run again for a Board Office. The OCME By-Laws state that the maximum term for any Board director is four years (two consecutive terms) and both Carol and Bob have been on the Board for these 2 consecutive terms. New Board members are elected for a two year term beginning January 1. In order for new members to be seated on our Board, OCME will hold an election during the month of November, with the votes counted at the Club's general meeting to be held on December 5, 2009. It is imperative that our Board receive nominations for these soon-to-be-vacated positions in October of this year so these nominees be on the Club's ballot that will be mailed out to all Club members in November. So please think of an active member who can support the Club as a Board member and present these candidate(s) to any Board member. You can always nominate yourself. Remember that this person or persons are not elected to a specific position on the Board, they are just elected to the Board. These new members along with the other Board members will, at their January meeting, assign those elected to the Board to a specific position on the Board. Examples of this process include Carol Hunneyman who has been the Board Secretary for the four years she has been on the Board whereas Bob Brooks was V.P. Operations for one year, V.P. Facilities for one year and Board President for two years. The other members of the Club's Board are Jim Ferguson, Myron Peterson and Paul Hammond whose term of office expires on December 31, 2010.

The Club is only as good as its dedicated memberships' support so think carefully and generously. The current Board will serve as the nominating committee.

There are several members who have not been active and no longer meet the Club's requirement
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2009 O.C.M.E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
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Janet Trom.....	(714) 546-4721

<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
August 1st Sat.: Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. General Meeting 9:00 a.m. - Clubhouse followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon
August 7th, 8th & 9th Fri. - Sun.: Family Fun Weekend
August 15th & 16th Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
September 12th Sat.: Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. General Meeting 9:00 a.m. - Clubhouse followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon

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for storage. Membership classification is **NOT** the only determining factor when meeting storage requirements. Letters will be going out to these delinquent members in the near future telling them to remove their rolling stock and engines. There are active members who need storage space. The Club's support is behind these requirements that must be met.

Important dates:

August 7, 8 & 9, 2009 - Club family fun weekend for members

August 22 & 23, 29 & 30, 2009 - Thomas Bunning's Eagle Scout project, which is re-building the Goat Hill Station.

September 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2009 OCME's 18th Annual Fall Meet.

Bob Osborne has built new switches for the "switchback" siding and two spurs. The switches are steel rail and really look great. The next big project will entail building the road bed and laying track and switches. Be sure and come out on the Club work days. There is a fair amount of grading and gravel work to be done. The track panels are completed. The installation of switches and building the road bed are the next order of business.

Our largest bulk commodity - gravel - has been delivered to our new gravel pit. We can now support the numerous projects on our railroad that require ample amounts of gravel. There are several places where the road bed needs to be widened.

The upgrading of track is a continuing project at Goat Hill. We are in the process of identifying rail and ties that need to be replaced and prioritizing this need. One thing that will pay high dividends is replacing some of the outer rails on curves in order to maintain track gauge and stability. We will also be putting double ties under each rail joint and replacing worn out ties. So you can see there is no lack of work in maintaining this First Class Railroad.



**"I've been workin' on the railroad"
in July**



Alex Acuña*, Chris Anten, Bob Brooks*, Terry* & Betty Cummings*, Marilyn Donnelly* Tom Duong, Angela Dutra, Eric Engle, Paul Hammond*, Erik Hansen*, Joe, Carolyn & Nikki Hayes, Hank Hornsveld, Norm Jobse*, Gary Kimble, Ken Matassa*, Juanita Matassa*, Larry Ogle*, Phil Parker*, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot, Gary Sharp*, Mike Springer, Allen Stephens, Lois Taube*, Steve* & Janet Trom*, Chuck Trom, Jack Young, Dick Zeleznikar.

*" signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..



**Many "thanks" to the
July
Birthday Party
Volunteers.**

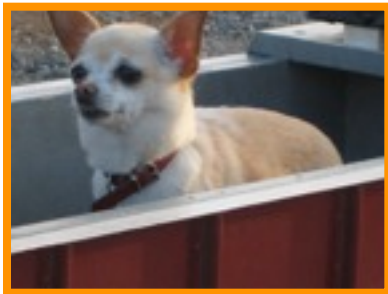
Alex Acuña, Larry Ogle, Chip Bassett, Raymond Hill, Dixon Sheldon.

**PLAN AHEAD FOR OCME's
19TH ANNUAL FALL MEET**

**The dates will be Thursday, September 16th
thru Sunday, September 19th, 2010.**



The Mexican Fiesta/ Poker Fun Run



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