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## Spotlight on OCME's 2009 Annual Dinner



Row 1 - Co-chairs Betty Cummings & Lori Tolan; President Bob Brooks; Junior members Alex Acuña, Nikki Hayes & Justin Jackson; Row 2 - Marge Pemberton & Lois Taube; Junior member Eric Engle; Steve & Chuck Trom

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# A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

## President Bob Brooks

This month we are trying a new schedule for our board and general meetings in order to accommodate a variety of schedules of our members. The board will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>. The general meeting will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. that same morning. As usual this is a club work day and lunch will be provided.

On the April 4<sup>th</sup> workday, our activity is special in that we are hosting The Raise Foundation and the Prevent Child Abuse Network Blue Ribbon Family Carnival from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.. Besides our club providing train rides, they will have face painting, arts & crafts, fire trucks, an ambulance, live music, food for purchase and resource booths with games, and raffles. They are expecting approximately 300 people. We will need to have three trains and crews to pull the attendees. So please keep this date on your calendar. This is a worthwhile organization that needs our support for a successful event.

The February run weekend had a record for pulling the public on a non-special event Saturday. We had 1,905 riders. The club performed magnificently. Everything went off without a hitch. Senior members informed me that the only time we exceeded this number was on our Gold Spike Ceremony weekend. On Sunday we had a visitor who got a special train ride from Terry Cummings. What is so great is that on his way home his dad, on duty in Iraq, called him from Iraq and this youngster spent the whole time telling his father what a great time he had at our club. Sometimes seemingly small things have a tremendous impact. Thank you Terry, for contributing to a joyous moment between father and son.

A Civil War reenactment group is using Fairview Park on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We will not be impacted as the public will use the high school parking lot. The enactors will park some vehicles in our lot, but we will still have our birthday parties.

If you forgot to pay your annual dues please submit them as this First Class Railroad needs your support. See you at the workday on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

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<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>
<b>March 7<sup>th</sup> 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</b>
<b>March 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> Sat. &amp; Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>April 4<sup>th</sup> 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</b>
<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> OCME Spring Meet</b>

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**“I’ve been workin’ on the railroad”  
in February**



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Alex Acuña\*, Mel Bresee, Bob Brooks\*, Terry\* & Betty\* Cummings, Marilyn Donnelly\*, Paul Hammond\* Erik Hansen, Joe\*, Carolyn & Nikki Hayes, Raymond Hill, Gary Kimble, Norm Jobse\*, Jim Kontur\*, Ken Matassa\*, Juanita Matassa, Dan O’Brien, Larry Ogle\*, Bill Pemberton\*, Bob Platfoot\*, Gary Sharp\*, Dixon Sheldon\*, Lois Taube, Kevin\*, Lori\* & Jeff\* Tolan, Steve\* & Janet\* Trom, Chuck Trom\*, Jack Young.

“\*” signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..

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**Many “thanks” to the  
February  
Birthday Party  
Volunteers.**



Russ Green, Gary Kimble, Alex Acuña, Norm Jobse, Bill Pemberton.

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**PLAN AHEAD FOR OCME’s  
18TH ANNUAL FALL MEET**

**The dates will be Thursday, September 17th  
thru Sunday, September 20th, 2009.**

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**Special Spring Meet 2009 News**

Back for a repeat performance – Chuckles and Friends April 25th!!

Come one – come all – Here is that family outing you have been waiting for that is Low Cost and Low Budget! The recession might be going on outside, but inside Fairview Park were having a wonderful time.

See you there.

Toot! Toot!

**Dispatchers Note: March 2009**

**Railroad:** Mackerel Flats & Goat Hill Junction

**Call List:** OCME Membership & Guests

**Run:** **SPECIAL** - OCME Spring Meet – **23-26 April 2009**

**Passengers:** OCME Members and their Guests

**Special Events:**

**Thursday:** Set up Hobo Camp, Main Line & Yard Operations (Ops)

**Friday:** Am-Pm – Engineers Choice (Bi Directional until 5pm)

**Saturday:** Am-Pm – Main Line, Yard Ops, Birthday Party, & Family Fun

**Sunday:** Am-Pm – Engineers Choice, Secure Boilers & Camp @ 3PM.

**Accommodations:** Pullman of choice for dry camping

**Activities:**

**Friday:** Dinner (bring own meat & a dish to share - grill will be hot).

**Saturday:** Breakfast for early birds, train skill events, lunch for all and then an evening Hobo Cook Out (potluck).

**Mark your calendars and look for  
‘more’ signals.**

This is a **non-public run** activity and meant to be shared with the families and guests of the OCME members. We look forward to your participation and most of all, the fellowship of sharing the railroad experience once again. If you would like to volunteer your time, services or ideas, please contact Russ Green (858) 748-4009 or npcaboose@cox.net.



SPOTLIGHT  
ON . . .



Row 1 - Phil & Joanie Parker, Juanita Matassa, Ken Matassa; Bob Hayes  
Row 2 - The Ferguson Family; The Harvey Girls; Allen Stephens  
Row 3 - The Tolan Family; Gary & Nadine Sharp; Jim Kontur & guest  
Row 4 - Larry & Geri Ogle; Chuck Trom & Marilyn Donnelly; Chuckles & Friend