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## OCME's Annual Election

It is that time of the year when the Club members elect Directors to the OCME Board.

The OCME board of Directors consist of 5 members; **President**, currently held by Bob Brooks, **VP - Operations**, currently held by Jim Ferguson, **VP - Facilities**, currently held by Myron Petterson, **Treasurer**, currently held by Paul Hammond and **Secretary**, currently held by Carol Hunneyman.

There is a rotation to the voting process. In odd numbered years there are 2 vacant positions. In even numbered years there are 3 vacant positions. There is also a maximum term for any director and that is 4 years (2 consecutive terms). The 2 people leaving the Club's Board at the end of 2009 are Bob Brooks and Carol Hunneyman.

The Club Secretary will be mailing Official Ballots to each member household in early November. Please read the ballot carefully and return the ballot by the deadline. The Club's By-Laws specify which members can vote and which members cannot vote. Those classes of members that can vote are Regular, Junior, Charter and Life. The spouses in a Family membership can vote but the children in a Family membership can only vote if they are 12 years of age or older.

The returned ballots will be taken to the Club's General Meeting, which will be held in the Club house on December 5, 2009 where they will be counted by an Officer of the Club and a non-board

member. The results will be given to the general membership and the newly elected Board members will take office on January 1, 2010. The first Board meeting of 2010, which will be January 9. This is when the Board positions will be filled by the Directors.

The 2 nominees on this year's ballot are Larry Ogle and Mike Getscher. For those of you who are not familiar with them, here are their pictures.



Mike Getscher



Larry Ogle

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# A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

## President Bob Brooks

The Eagle Scout project conducted by Thomas Bunning has been completed. The passenger waiting shade structure was completely rebuilt by Thomas and his crew. They did an excellent job of matching the colors on the station. The termite damaged wood was replaced and the old design was duplicated. The sign on top was repainted and now it looks new. True to his goal – the shade structure looks exactly like the original. The task turned out to be formidable and a bit larger than originally expected. The club members thank Thomas for a job well done on this First Class Railroad. The Boy Scouts of America has supported Eagle Scout projects at Goat Hill and the public has benefited from them as we have been able to better serve the community.

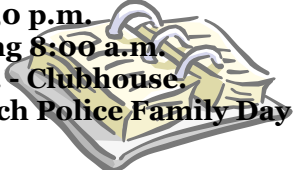
The month of December is a busy one for our Club. On Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> we will be supporting the Polar Express as well as the Newport Beach Police Family Day. We will need all our members to come out and help set up the North Pole station as well as the Goat Hill station. We will be running trains from the Goat Hill station to the North Pole station and completing the ride back to the Goat Hill station. Thus we need twice the normal staff for the stations as well as the trains. This activity has been a major fund raiser for our Club and needs the membership's support. So please come out for this workday.

Speaking of workdays, we need to replace 15 sections of rail on the main line during the November workday. So please come out and support this effort. We can also work on the roadbed for the new siding on the switchback. The more members the better for these labor intensive efforts.

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<b>Mackerel Flats Mercantile Store Co-Mgrs.:</b>
Betty Cummings.....(714) 979-9390
Janet Trom.....(714) 546-4721

<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>
<b>November 7th Sat.: Board Meeting 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>General Meeting 9:00 a.m. - Clubhouse</b> <b>followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at</b> <b>meeting -- Lunch at noon</b>
<b>November 21st &amp; 22nd Sat. &amp; Sun. : Public Run</b> <b>Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>December 5th Sat.: Board Meeting 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>General Meeting 9:00 a.m. - Clubhouse.</b>
<b>December 5th Sat.: Newport Beach Police Family Day</b> <b>and Polar Express.</b>



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The 596 locomotive has been taken out of service and Steve Trom is rebuilding the hydraulic pump and replacing the engine with a new engine that the Club owns which is identical to the original engine. The old engine will be rebuilt by Steve and serve as a spare for the club.

Election of two board members will take place during November. So please cast your ballot and return it promptly when you receive it in the mail. Mike Getscher and Larry Ogle are the nominees for the two board positions that are up for reelection. See article on Page 1.

Holly Ferguson is the birthday party crew recruitment coordinator for the Club. Birthday parties are a major part of the Club's fund raising activities. They provide about one third of our funds. So please be generous with your time and let Holly know that you are willing to crew for private birthday parties. The parties are held on non run-day Saturdays. They are not held on holiday weekends. We try to schedule two parties: one from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and the second from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The parties are very popular and normally are scheduled several months in advance. So as a crew member you can plan your time well in advance. This is a great way to contribute your hours to the club. Thus enabling us to have A First Class Railroad. See you there.

Dixon Sheldon, Lois Taube\*, Kevin\*, Lori & Jeff\* Tolan, Steve\* Trom, Chuck Trom, Jack Young, Dick Zeleznikar.

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



### Many “thanks” to the October Birthday Party Volunteers.

Jim Ferguson, Hunter Ferguson, Russ Green, Norm Jobse, Dixon Sheldon, Patrick Ledbetter, Bill Pemberton.

### PLAN AHEAD FOR OCME’S 19TH ANNUAL FALL MEET

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

### HELP WANTED

Holly Ferguson needs a birthday crew for the morning birthday party (10:00 a.m. to 12 noon) on December 12th. Please call her at (714) 598-9248 or e-mail her at hollyferguson@yahoo.com if you can help.



### “I’ve been workin’ on the railroad” in October



Dave Bowen\*, Bob Brooks\*, Betty Cummings\*, Marilyn Donnelly\* Eric Engle, Jim & Hunter Ferguson, Erik Hansen\*, Joe & Carolyn Hayes, Hank Hornsveld, Norm Jobse\*, Gary Kimble, Jim Kontur\*, Derek & Claire Marsden, Kathy Marsden, Ken Matassa\*, Juanita Matassa, Larry Ogle, Bob Platfoot, Brock\* & Matthew\* Seaton , Gary Sharp\*,



## Doug Maywald

My love for trains started with my dad's Lionel set. Soon after I had my own HO train board. Living near the Illinois Railroad Museum, my brother, father and I were active members. I can remember being the only one small enough to crawl into the firebox of the Shay to needle chip the crown sheet. During this time I learned a lot about steam engines and trains. My dad also had some interest in 7.5" gauge trains, but it never became a hobby.

After graduating from DeVry University, I hired on with Mitsubishi installing and operating Electrical Discharge Machinery. When I moved to California in 1991 to continue my career with Mitsubishi, I left my passion for trains in Illinois. It would be several years before I had an interest again.

A few years later, my mom and dad brought me a full-scale locomotive headlamp, marker lights, and caboose lamps to store for them while they traveled the country. I couldn't wait to hang them on the wall! He also gave me a small stationary live steam engine. This renewed my interest in trains. I bought a live steam tractor engine to add to my collection. After subscribing to LIVE STEAM

magazine, I learned about LALS and OCME. I joined OCME in 2003, as it is closer to home. As I did not have the time to build a steam engine and thought it would be too expensive, we bought a Rail Systems SW 1500. Looking for a road name I came across a picture of a locomotive in a snowstorm from the Belt Railroad of Chicago. I knew then, this was the road for me to model.

Many of you have also met the rest of my family as we all enjoy trains. Little did my wife Shelley know how much I enjoy them! It seems every vacation needs to involve trains in some way. Of course Bailey has the most interest. He started with Thomas, but soon out grew it and was looking for something more realistic. Santa brought him (and me) a G gauge train which we set-up under the tree. In the Midwest, many homes have a basement. This is a perfect place for a large layout. As I have yet to find a home in California with a basement, he is now modeling HO. It is more practical for making a layout in the small California homes. As for me, I enjoy 7.5" gauge. With my knowledge of machining, I hope to build a live steam engine. I plan to be in this hobby for many years and am glad to have OCME in my family.

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## WELCOME

New members that have recently joined OCME are:

James Crane from Huntington Beach.

Don Maddy from Los Osos.

The Dahl Family from Huntington Beach - Shaun, Wendy and their children - Connor, Kaitlyn & Blake.

Brock Seaton & Matthew Seaton from San Marcos.

Please say "Hi" the next time you see them at Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction.