



## Attention on the Railroad

### REMINDER

PLEASE RETURN YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BY  
JAN 31  
TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW ROSTER

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### Board Meeting Summary

There were discussions in the general meeting about supporting the New Port Beach Police outing at Goat Hill, urging all club members to vote in the board elections, sending in membership renewals, and the banquet in January. Also there are members who don't know the code words for securing the club house and compound, responding to calls from Bay Area Security, as well as the member's only page on the web site. If you don't know the code words please see a board member who can provide it to you. When filling out your membership renewal forms please carefully and legibly write all names, address, phone numbers, and email address. This will allow us to make an accurate club roster. Remember to save 31 January 2015 for the annual club banquet. It will be held at the Claim Jumper on Brookhurst just two doors south of Talbert.

Russ Maguire is sorting the used rail and storing the good rail for club use in the bottom of container B. This rail has at least one good side. The "to be scraped" rail is stacked next to the fence behind container G. As club members disassemble the old track panels they should place the used rail on the cement pad on the north side of the club house. Russ will then sort the used rail and place the good pieces in the bottom of container B and the "to be scraped" rail next to the fence behind container G. At the last event it was noted that the track leading from the birthday siding towards Matassa needs to be replaced also switch 135 needs to be replaced. We will try to do these as soon as possible.

### SAVE THE DATE

The OCME Annual Banquet. It will be January 31st at 6:00pm at the Claim Jumper on Brookhurst in Fountain Valley. Invitations will be mailed in January.

### Thank You To Our Polar Express crews

Jack Young, Glenn Swain, Mel Bresee, Bob Harrison, Lary Ogle, Reed Simmons, David Simmons, Allen Stephens, Mike Springer, Craig Okun, Mark Cawelti, Mark Johnson, Paul Hammond, Dan O'Brien, Claire Marsden, Derek Marsden, Jim Marsden, Harrison Spain, Jason Cohen, Mandy Cohen, Betty Cummings, Stefanie Drake, Kevin Engle, Eric Engel, Terry Cummings, Nick Hanrahan, Stephen Hanrahan and Ken Matassa.

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#### Special Events

- ◆ Work Day
- ◆ Public Run Day's

#### Riders This Month

## For Sale

[www.ocmetrains.org](http://www.ocmetrains.org)

### FOR SALE

#### Bench Master Mill -- \$350.00

110 volt 6" x 8" table, No Power Feeds, Table Vice, 4.5" rotary table

Misc. End Mills

#### Delta Lathe -- \$1200.00

110 volts

Quick Change Gear Box, 10" swing over Bed, Enco Quick change Tool Post

3 tool holders for tool post, Collet Chuck with 20 collets 1/16" to 3/4" every 32<sup>nd</sup> of an inch

6" 3 jaw Chuck, 5" 6 jaw Adjusta TrueChuck, and Assortment of HSS and Carbide Cutters

Contact Jim Kontur at 714-526-7564

## 2015 O.C.M.E. Board of Directors

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Jan 10

Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house  
Board Meeting 3:00

#### Jan 20-21

Sat. & Sun Public Run

#### Feb 1st

Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house.  
Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00

#### Feb 15-16

Sat. & Sun Public Run

Joe Hayes .....(310) 386-9662  
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Russ Maguire  
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### A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD BY JOE HAYES



The Polar Express hosted by Weichman Realty was a huge success. There were 759 riders whisked off to the North Pole by OCME trains and probably 50 to 75 more people walked over to the North Pole activities totally prepared by Weichman Realty staff. The longest line was for the star performer, Santa Clause. He hoisted the youngsters to his lap and talked to them about toys and being good little girls and boys while cameras snapped pictures. The giant

inflatable slide was also enjoyed by many. Everyone seemed to be drinking apple cider and eating yummy cookies.

Mr. Weichman and his staff were very pleased with the performance and pace of the event. The gates opened at 6:30am and OCME and Weichman staff began the transformation of the siding into the North Pole. OCME quickly transported the riders in about 90 minutes with eight trains running simultaneously. The rest of the time was spent returning the remaining people to the Goat Hill station. The entire public operation lasted from 10am to 12:30 pm. Then the hard work of taking it all down began. A swarm of bees blocked the track on the "Y" leading from the water tower so OCME short tracked the ride and carried off the event without a hitch. The Costa Mesa Park Ranger called the vector control people and they handled the swarm of bees.

The event was supported by a large group of OCME volunteers. All five club trains ran as well as the trains owned and crewed by Mel Bresee, Jim and Derek Marsden, and Allen Stephens. The following OCME members participated: Bob Brooks, Mark Cawelti, Mandy and Jason Cohen, Terry and Betty Cummings, Eric and Kevin Engle, Paul Hammond, Bob Harrison, Joe Hays, Lori and Mark Johnson, Russ Maguire, Ken Matassa, Dan O'Brien, Larry Ogle, Craig Okun, Bob Osborn, Myron Peterson, Jerry Platfoot, Bob Platfoot, Andy Romer, Gary Sharp, Dixon Sheldon, David and Reed Simmons, Mike Springer, Christine and Anthony Steinmetz, Glenn Swain, Kevin Tolan, and Jack Young. Thank you one and all Bob Brooks

### Sheldon's Corner



We have many projects that are ongoing and some that have not been started yet. The caboose project will be starting soon again. The 214 will be returning after the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. Last year I had made up a list of projects anyone can do. I plan to do this again so if you need a project it may be on this list. The list will be located by the white board or inside by the info center, as you enter the clubhouse turn to your right. Hank did a nice job setting this up. As you are working out at the club I plan on having a card issued to each engineer qualifying them to operate each piece of equipment mainly all of our engines, the

tractors, mowers, lawn equipment, etc. By doing this if anyone questions you for your qualifications you can show them your card. Also you will be able to know everything there is to know about the equipment you are operating. Do you know where to place the fuel in the 596? How to shut off the 214? These are items we take for granted but are necessary for safe operating on our equipment. Also we have red tag cards for any piece of equipment please tag anything that does not perform the way you think it should. I took out the tamping machine and wasted 1 hour trying to get it started. It was low on oil but after that it still would not start. So if there is a problem a red tag would have saved a good part of my day. There are tags in each engine and in the info center in the clubhouse there are white plastic wire ties to use on them. If either item is not there check in the storeroom the red tags are above the cabinets on the east wall there will be extra ties there too.

Keep the ideas coming and plan on a better 2015. The annual dinner is just around the corner we have some unique gifts this year some I purchased while on vacation. So plan on attending and having a nice evening.

Happy Steaming, and enjoy the New Year.

DIXON

### I've been working on the railroad

Ken Matassa\*, Gary Sharp\*, Collin Westphal, Allen Stephens\*, Alex Acuna, Gary Kimble\*, Nicholas Hanrahan, Steve Hanrahan, Reed Simmons, David Simmons, Jerry Platfoot\*, Bob Platfoot\*, Bob Harrison\*, Andy Romer\*, Larry Ogle\*, Stefanie Drake\*, Russell Maguire\*, Carolyn Hayes\*, Joey Hayes\*, Mike Springer\*, Donna Springer\*, Lori Johnson\*, Mark Johnson\*, Anthony Steinmetz\*, Kevin Tolan\*, Jeff Tolan\*, Lori Tolan\*, Jack Young, Betty Cummings\*, Josh Cohen\*, Terry Cummings\*, Dean Zeeman\*, Bob Brooks\*, Craig Okun, Ray Hill, Lois Taube, Kevin Engle, Eric Engle, Robert Cohen, Donna O'Conner, Kevin O'Conner and Hank Castignetti



### BIRTHDAY PARTY'S

Anyone who is a qualified engineer and or conductor please make yourself available for 1 Saturday every 6 months to help with these events. Please contact Hank Castignetti [hanksterc@aol.com](mailto:hanksterc@aol.com) or call Dixon Sheldon 909-861-8810

The parties are 2 hours long morning and afternoon and plan on an additional 2 hours to setup and put away equipment and yes put out the trash. We are a smile factory, kids of all ages come to us and we do our best to send them off with a smile.

**Thank you to our Birthday Party Crews**



### Tips from Chuckles



When operating the work engine (public service) to start it you need to be on the left side not sitting on the engine. If sitting on the engine you will probably touch the joy stick causing the engine to jerk forward or backward.

Make sure to carry your safety items a radio and whistle are necessary to communicate with the rest of the railroad. Some think the radio is not needed however when someone is coming up Higgins and someone else is coming down this is when it's necessary. Also carry a spare set of batteries.

It looks like we are going to have a wet winter this year. Watch on the older switches to make sure the points are where they should be. We still have some switches that have wooden ties which swell with water. This may cause the switch to malfunction.

Try to maintain a good distance between you and the next train. If you can space yourself 1000 feet apart then you will have enough time for the train in front to unload before you get there. We have tried this and it makes for less stops for everyone.