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## **OCMES 1st Pumpkin Patch Run**

by Phil Parker

I thought the inaugural 2010 O.C.M.E. Pumpkin Patch Run was a tremendous success. My wife Joanie and I thoroughly enjoyed the entire weekend. This event wasn't like any other event that I've been a part of at O.C.M.E. The feeling of community and family among all who were there was something that you could feel in the air. I can't really describe it. It was just something that had to be experienced. All of the volunteers, both from O.C.M.E. and from the Kiwanis Club were supportive of each other and all seem to really enjoy the day. There were no major disasters. And considering how hard it rained Friday night into Saturday morning, the day could have turned out to be a major mess.

While a few of the families who attended have been to our Club on public run days before, far and away the vast majority of the families who came were not folks we normally see on a public run weekend. The Kiwanis Club did a fantastic job of reaching people in the community who didn't know we existed. And all had such a positive experience that I believe that many of these people and their families will be back. We couldn't have had a better way to shine a positive light on our Club and all of the people in it than with this event. And everyone learned so much about how to do this again next year. It was a tremendous learning experience. You can bet that Joanie and I will be here for next years 2nd Annual 2011 OCME Pumpkin Patch Run!

## **Polar Express Returns to Goat Hill**

by Terry Cummings

Once again, OCME is hosting the Polar Express sponsored by Weichman Realty on Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This is a major fundraiser for the Club and a very exciting event for the children and the crews. This is a scheduled work day and your help is requested.

The morning will spent assisting the sponsor setting up the park for this event. At 10:00 AM we will need three trains and crews operating for the Newport Beach Police Department Family Day which continues until noon. Lunch will be at 11:45 AM and at 12:15 PM sharp there will be a Safety and Operations Plan briefing. The goal is to get as many passengers to the Village as quickly as possible. This means we will have all available Club and private trains queued up Northbound at the Station and start loading the first three trains at 12:50PM. Three trains will load simultaneously and hear a single brief safety speech before departing at 1:00 PM.

If you can commit to being a crew person in the morning and/or afternoon, please email Terry Cummings at [frankcummings@ca.rr.com](mailto:frankcummings@ca.rr.com). The Club trains will use 26 of our 39 bench cars. If your private train needs cars, please contact Terry so that the 13 remaining bench cars can be assigned to trains. If you are willing to let us use your private bench cars, please contact Terry. We need all available rail-worthy resources for this event

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# A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

## President Jim Ferguson

### Make a Dent

Where, precisely, do you go in order to get permission to make a dent in the universe?

The accepted state is to be a cog. The preferred way is to follow the well-worn path, to read the instructions, to do what we're told. It's safer that way. Less responsibility. More people to blame.

When someone comes along and says, "not me, I'm going down a different path," we flinch. We're not organized to encourage and celebrate the unproven striver. It's safer to tear them down (with their best interests at heart, of course). Better, we think, to let them down easy, to encourage them to take a safer path, to be realistic, to hear it from us rather than everyone else.

Perhaps, years ago, this was good advice. Today, it's clearly not. In fact, it's disrespectful, ill-advised and short sighted. How dare we cheer when a bold change maker stumbles? Our obligation today isn't to spare the feelings of our peers from future disappointment. It's to establish an expectation that of course they're going to do something that matters.

If you think there's a chance you can make a dent in it. So let's go for it! Elections are upon us. Not National or State but ours! We have two vacancies this year and need people to step up and run for the Board. This is your Club, our Club and without the membership getting involved it gets watered down.

We are going to need a new treasurer. Although that is a Board appointed position if someone out there has basic bookkeeping experience I would like to hear from you. This is an exciting time with important things to do. Please consider being of service and helping out.

I want to thank you for serving you.

**Jim Ferguson**

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 6th Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 a.m. - Club house followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon. Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.**

**November 20th - 21st: Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

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**OCME's 2010 Pumpkin Patch Run**



Face Painting



Pumpkin Painting



Our "Super" Volunteers



Hunter & his Shay steamed up for the Pumpkin Patch Run



Aya enjoying her 1st Halloween



The "Harvey Girls" dressed for Halloween



Welcome to Pumpkin Patch Junction



Peggy Green showing our guest a great time



Tombstone found on Witch Mountain



"Thank You" Kiwanis.



Gary Kimble & Norm Jobse in costume.