



# Classification Yard “Where things get sorted out.”

By Hank Castignetti

## STORE REMODEL

Remodeling of the club store began immediately following the Run Day on Sunday 8/18. The store staff began boxing all the merchandise and members quickly started moving display racks and appliances into storage. All the product was boxed, loaded into a U-Haul trailer, and stored in the compound for a week while all the display cases and appliances were stored in the station storage room and the restrooms.



For the next week members showed up every day to prep the store for painting. All the walls were washed and holes were patched. Gary Gorman spent an entire day grinding old paint off the floor, Gary Reynolds disassembled all the metal shelving in the back room and moved it all to the compound and Glenn replaced all the electrical outlets and plugs. Enough members showed up to paint all the walls and ceiling in one day! Gary Reynolds and Terry Cummings prepped the floor for a new coat of epoxy paint and Gary painted it all in one day also. Finally, new LED lighting fixtures were installed to complete the new look of the store. Doors and frames still need to be painted and the merchandise needs to be put back on the shelf, but the hardest work is behind us. This massive project was accomplished by an outpouring of member volunteers for days on end. OCME would like to recognize the huge support offered by the following members;

Carolyn Hayes, Stephanie Drake, Betty Cummings, Lori Johnson, Myron Peterson, Bob Harrison, Gary Reynolds, Ken Matassa, Dave Smith, Andy Nelson, Zach Jones, Gary Gorman, Glenn Swain, Terry Cummings, Bob Brooks, and Hank Castignetti. The ladies who regularly staff the store will be eternally grateful for their new home.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

OCME is pleased to extend a warm welcome to the **O'day** family of Long Beach. **Geraly, D.J.** and **Dallas** are anxious to meet members and I hope you will greet them all with a friendly smile. Please introduce yourself make them feel at home in our club!

Additional new members are **Terri** and **Larry Fuqua**. Many of you may recognize Terri and her lovely brown lab, Max, as they live nearby and spend almost every day in the park. Larry suffers a disability and is unable to spend as much time in the park but we hope to see him one day soon. Terri has also taken over restroom cleaning at the station and we are grateful to her for taking over this duty.

### NEW STREET SIGN ERECTED

OCME would like to thank Cynthia **Junction** displayed on the sign at our display of the city's commitment to our birthday party guests to locate our landmark and now has an official sign



D'Agosta for her efforts to have **Goat Hill** Placentia entrance. This is a wonderful club and a huge convenience for riders and parking lot. Goat Hill Junction is local designation from the city.

OCME would also like to recognize foresight to suggest this sign be

Olga Reynolds for her imagination and procured!

### NEW ENGINE UNVEILING EVENT

On Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> OCME is planning a major public event to announce the arrival of our new engine, the 819. Invited guests will include Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley, City Council Members, City manager, Assistant City Manager, Parks and Recreation Director, Fairview Park Administrator, city media department as well as print and TV media representatives. Mayor Foley has been invited to unveil our new engine and the entire entourage of dignitaries will be the first to enjoy a public ride on the 819. Immediately following the unveiling we plan a "Big toot".... every engine we can muster to the station will simultaneously blow their horn to welcome the 819 to her new home. Official activities are scheduled to begin at 9:30 but we invite all members to arrive at the station by 9:00 with as much private equipment as we can fit in the station ladder tracks. All members with live steamers are especially welcomed to add to the spectacle.....steam whistles and smoke will provide the greatest backdrop for the media.

We will also need as many members as possible to crew club engines as we expect a large turnout for this event. So spread the word and put this date on your calendar.

### ELECTION REMINDER

The deadline for submitting your name to run for a position on the Board of Directors is fast approaching. All names must be submitted to the club Secretary by September 30<sup>th</sup> to be included on the ballot. We hope everyone will consider placing their name in nomination for this important election. Three positions will be open this election. One member is running for reelection leaving two open positions to be filled.

### LION'S CLUB FISH FRY AND CARNIVAL

The Lion's Club annual Fish Fry and weekend as our September run 12:00 noon on both Saturday and parking lot. The Lion's Club will parking for that weekend and parking for our riders. Additionally, coupon for a fish dinner. A number dinner at the fish fry following our day of pulling public. "Come for a train ride and stay for a fish dinner!"



carnival will be held on the same weekend. The Fish Fry begins at Sunday and eventgoers will use our furnish volunteers to coordinate all OCME expects no conflict for all of our riders will receive a \$1 off of members are planning to enjoy