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## Way Freight Options

At this time, I would like to discuss the variety of options you have in receiving your own copy of the **Way Freight**. There are 3 ways we have in sending our newsletter.

1. Starting with Volume I, Issue 1 you have received your Way Freight through the mail. If you wish this as an option you don't have to do anything.

You now have two new ways of receiving the Way Freight.

2. One way is e-mail. If you wish to try out this option, please let me know. My home and e-mail address is at the bottom of this page. I will send you a Way Freight by e-mail. If you chose e-mail and then change your mind, you can contact me and I will send it to you by mail.

3. The other way of reading the Way Freight is to go to the Club's website, whose address is at the top of this page. There you will find copies of the Way Freight starting with January 2009. If you choose this method, you can cancel your regular mail delivery of the Way Freight. Again, if you change your mind contact me and I will put you back on the mailing list.

## 1/2 Price Sale on Mugs



The Mackerel Flats Mercantile has announced a great bargain on OCME coffee mugs. While supplies last the price of these mugs that normally sell for \$4.95 are now on sale for only **\$2.25**.

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### FOR THE RECORD

There was a mistake made that has gone un-noticed until this issue of the Way Freight. The **VOLUME** number has been incorrect since 2003. This year's volume number should be XXV and not XXVI.

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# A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

## President Bob Brooks

The annual O.C.M.E. dinner was a epicurean delight and social highlight of the year (I had to arm wrestle six members to win out over the Spring and Fall meets). See last months Way Freight for pictures. Allen Stephens our outgoing treasurer was presented with a plaque commemorating and thanking him for his outstanding 4 year tenure as treasurer. Paul Hammond was introduced to the membership as the newly elected board member. He will serve as treasurer. Jim Ferguson was reelected and was introduced as the Vice President of Operations. The continuing board members are Carol Hunneyman, Myron Peterson and Bob Brooks. Norm Jobse was recognized as the member who contributed the most hours during the year. The Harvey Girls (Betty Cummings, Janet Trom, Lois Taube, Mary Donnelly, Lori Tolan, Carolyn Hayes) were thanked for their outstanding contributions to the club. The appetizers (he can't spell "hors d'oeuvres"--ed.) were delicious (shrimp, chicken, potatoes) as were the variety of salads, vegetables, pasta, and meat dishes. The food was plentiful and no one went away hungry. The chocolate cake was really chocolate and was a favorite of the chocolate lovers society. Alex Acuna presented a wonderful video of the club activities. The clubhouse, room, and grounds were beautiful. Lori Tolan and Betty Cummings did an outstanding job of organizing the evening.

March run weekend was a success (almost 1600 riders on Saturday and about 800 on Sunday). It was raining Sunday AM and we were not sure if we could run. However the clouds broke and we got one train out. The wind was still blowing hard and it was really cold. At noon we had only about 30 riders. However things picked up and we got out more trains and ended up with almost 800 for the day. The crews were really great to stick out the inclement weather to say nothing of our loyal riders.

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<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u></b>
<b>April 4th 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 18th &amp; 19th Sat. &amp; Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>April 23rd - 26th OCME Spring Meet</b>
<b>May 2nd 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>

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**Near term activities**

April 4th – The Raise Foundation and the Prevent Child Abuse Network Blue Ribbon Family Carnival- please come out and support the club on this workday. We will provide lunch. We need to have at least 3 trains and crews from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Spring Meet. Contact Russ Green (chairman) for needed support.

May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – Civil War Reenactment. See the May Way Freight.

The club is only as strong as its membership. The most important thing you can give is your time. So please, if you haven't already, send in your dues and join us in maintaining and developing our facility so we can keep our First Class Railroad strong and resilient.



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



Alex Acuña\*, Bob Brooks\*, Betty\* Cummings, Marilyn Donnelly\*, Tom & Rowena Duong, Jim & Hunter Ferguson, Adolf Fischbacher, Paul Hammond\*, Erik Hansen, Joe\*, Carolyn & Nikki Hayes, Raymond Hill, Hank Hornsveld, Norm Jobse\*, Ken Matassa\*, Juanita Matassa\*, Dan O'Brien, Larry Ogle\*, Phil Parker, Bill Pemberton\*, Bob Platfoot\*, Jerry Platfoot\*, Gary Sharp\*, Dixon Sheldon\*, Lois Taube\*, Kevin, Lori & Jeff Tolan, Steve & Janet Trom, Chuck Trom, Dick Zeleznikar.

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

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



Kevin Tolan, Lori Tolan, Jeff Tolan, 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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**Costa Mesa City Council  
Changing Park Name**

At the request of the Costa Mesa City Council, their Staff recently studied the demographics of Goat Hill visitors including OCME members. Adjustments were made for tectonic drift, climate change, cosmic ray flux, polar shifts, leap years and the relevant Forbish Coefficients. A disproportionate representation of coots, crabs, cranks, cronies and curmudgeons was found. Consequently, Staff has recommended that the name be changed to “Old Goat Hill.”



**MACKEREL FLATS MERCANTILE  
BEFORE DURING & AFTER**

