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OCMEs 18th Annual Fall Meet By Lori Tolan

This year our Club has an opportunity to host our fall event of the year. Once more there is a great need for all of us to work together and coordinate efforts for a successful meet. I embrace the Fall Meet which has always given our family a chance to reconnect with friends from other clubs as well as our own, and is an opportunity to gather together and celebrate this hobby.

This year poses a unique situation in which changes can produce new and exciting results. Our Fall Meet will be scaled down with no organized events due to absences and lack of volunteers, along with the economic issues all around us. But, these challenges can also give a chance for change. This year I have offered to coordinate dinners for Friday and Saturday nights. I am excited for this opportunity to bring our Club, our members and their guests together.

Starting with Friday night, will we be simplifying things by bringing back our famous Potluck Dinner. In the compound, around 5:30 p.m., in the shelter of our new shade structure, the tables will be set and the grill will be hot.

Please bring your own main meal to cook for yourself/family and a large dish to share (i.e. salads, fruits, desserts etc.), lemonade will be available for all. If you are from out of town and do not have the provisions, we just ask for a \$5 donation to supplement the meal. We will enjoy dinner, with music and good conversations!

On Saturday night, at 6:00 p.m., we will be having an Italian buffet dinner complete with lasagna, spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, drinks and dessert from a delicious local Italian restaurant. We will have only a **limited** number of dinner tickets available for purchase at \$10 a meal. These dinner tickets will be on a first come first serve basis. The ticket purchasing will commence on Friday @ 4:00 p.m. until sold out.

Hope we all take advantage of these dinner opportunities, by participating and supporting our Club. With these efforts and more, this 2009 Fall Meet could be the best one yet!

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Bob Brooks

September 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2009 are the dates for the Club's 18th Annual Fall Meet. This is the meet where we support our monthly public run days on Saturday and Sunday as well as invite other clubs to come out and join us for these 4 days. We do not have a single point of contact for a chairperson for this activity. Please see Lori Tolan's article on how the food will be handled on Friday and Saturday nights. Any other support activities are the responsibility of the party who is interested in a particular activity.

For example Bob Platfoot has requested and will pickup bottled water from the Costa Mesa Water Department. They have generously supported us in the past. Lori has generously volunteered to coordinate the Friday and Saturday dinners. She is not responsible for other activities. I will be on vacation and traveling from 13 September until 9 October and will not be available.

The Club By-Laws state that the Club shall have five board members. We must elect them this November. This month we must have the names of those who will run for election on the board so their names can be on the ballot during October and ballots sent to the members in November. Being on the board is a great way to get to know the members. Since there are five members the workload is shared by all. Also club members head up projects and organize much of the work. I was asked today what I thought about being the president of O.C.M.E. I have enjoyed the opportunity to be president. Sure there are problems to address. But they are few and pale in comparison to the satisfaction of seeing and participating in the things that the club accomplishes. Service to our community is an opportunity not a chore. Enjoying our railroad is an opportunity not a chore. Learning about and maintaining our railroad and equipment is an opportunity not a chore. Interacting with club members is an opportunity not a chore. If you like opportunity, O.C.M.E. is the place to be.

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<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
September 12th 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
September 17th - 20th Thur. - Sun., OCME' 18th Annual Fall Meet
September 19th & 20th Sat. & Sun. - Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
October 3rd 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

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Filling out and submitting properly signed time cards is important for two reasons: storage eligibility and the use of club facilities and equipment require work hours to be documented; also we want to be able to show the total hours the club members have contributed annually in service to the community.

Last run weekend a little girl said, "This was the best train ride I have ever been on." We would expect nothing less from A First Class Railroad. See you there.



Many "thanks" to the August Birthday Party Volunteers.

Jim & Hunter Ferguson, Alex Acuña, Russ Green, Bill Pemberton, Bob Brooks.

PLAN AHEAD FOR OCME's 19TH ANNUAL FALL MEET

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

MORE FOOD

The Costa Mesa Lions Club has been contacted and they have agreed to cook and sell hot dogs and hamburgers for the public run days of Saturday and Sunday, September 19 & 20th.

Doug Cavanaugh, one of our members has generously donated the hot dogs and hamburgers to be sold that day by the Lions Club.

Thank you Doug from all of us at OCME!

LAST ABOUT FOOD

So, from a Fall Meet that started with no meals, we now have 2 dinners and 2 lunches----**BREAKFASTS ANYONE?**

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**"I've been workin' on the railroad"
in August**
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Alex Acuña, Mel Bresee, Bob Brooks*, Terry* & Betty Cummings*, Marilyn Donnelly* Eric Engle, Jim & Hunter Ferguson, Mike Getscher, Paul Hammond*, Norm Jobse*, Gary Kimble, Jim Kontur*, Jim Marsden, Derek & Claire Marsden, Ken Matassa*, Doug & Bailey Maywald, Dan O'Brien, Larry Ogle*, Phil Parker, Bill Pemberton, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot, Gary Sharp*, Mike Springer, Allen Stephens, Lois Taube*, Kevin & Lori Tolan, Steve* & Janet* Trom*, Chuck Trom, Jack Young.

"*" signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..



The Chessie returns!

We are pleased to report that the Chessie 3315 locomotive reentered service during the August run weekend after an extensive 8-month refurbishment effort. Work involved included structural repair to the frame for damage suffered during an August '07 derailment, new electrical wiring, replacement of engine mounts, hydraulic hoses, new choke cable, one hydraulic motor, fan blades and a new battery.

Operators will find that the choke is now operable from the rear of the locomotive with the black knob next to the key. The hydraulic bypass is in the normal location. A new fuse block is located on top of the frame rail, next to the battery on the right-front side of the locomotive and now utilizes automotive type bayonet fuses.

In addition to the mechanical repairs and improvements, the body underwent an extensive restoration of its own. After some 19 years of use (and some might say abuse), the need was sorely felt. Structural fiberglass repair was required in order to reattach the cab to the body. Further repairs to both end sills were also needed in addition to dynamic brake blister rebuilding on one side. Following the application of several yards of fiberglass cloth and two pints of bondo, the blue and orange portions were completely repainted. Touch up on the yellow

was accomplished in lieu of re-lettering the entire engine. Final efforts included repair of the snowplow, fabrication of new steps and extensive repair to the handrails throughout.

A few final touches to the locomotive will be accomplished during the coming weeks including wiring of the headlights and perhaps additional adjustment on the engine. Stay "tuned" for additional information! A special thanks to **Steve** and **Chuck Trom** for the use of their engine stand along with their encouragement and to **Andy Romer** of LALS who assisted in moving the engine numerous times. Also, non-member and friend of Mike Getscher's, **Bill Maggio** who helped straighten the frame.



Ed. Note: Special "thanks" to Mike Getscher for all his hard work.

Santa Fe 1185

The Santa Fe is out of service due to a consistent derailing problem while traveling in reverse. The truck axles have been found to be out of alignment which is considered to be the contributing factor. Repairs are expected to commence in September.