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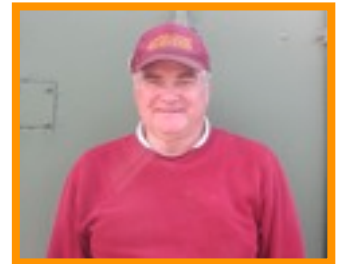
All OCME member's attention is directed to the President's message on Page 2 of this month's Way Freight. Your Board has made changes to the Club's Operating Rules dated July 1, 1997.

These changes, which are effective immediately, include defining the term "Pulling Public" and specify minimum ages that members must attain to be an "engineer" and a "conductor" when using OCME equipment.

The OCME By-Laws specify that annual membership shall be from the first day of January. Inside this Way Freight (and the January 2010 Way Freight) you will find a Dues Invoice for 2010. This form along with your payment must be received prior to January 31, 2010 in order to be included in the Club's 2010 Membership Roster.

Thomas Bunning of Troop 636 has completed his Eagle Scout project, which was the re-building of the Goat Hill Junction station. See the "Spotlight On..." article on Page 4.

Joe Hayes is going to prepare breakfast for all Santa's helpers on Saturday morning, December 19th. The place will be the Club House and the time will be 8:00 a.m.



Plans are well underway for the Club's 2010 annual dinner, which will be held on Saturday January 30, 2010 at the Costa Mesa Country Club. Betty Cummings and Lori Tolan are again going to be the co-chairs. More information will be sent at a later date.



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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Bob Brooks

Our Club has been discussing for some time where the requirements for engineers and conductors are spelled out for the Club. Given our goal to educate and encourage new members, both adults and youths, the following requirements have been added to our Club operating rules. These rules clarify who can pull the public and who can operate club equipment. The rules do not put constraints on operation of private equipment when not pulling the public. They do clarify who can operate Club equipment during times not attended by the public. The Club wants to encourage the education and training of family members so they can learn and enjoy safe operation of equipment.

Addition to the Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad Operating Rules effective July 1, 1997

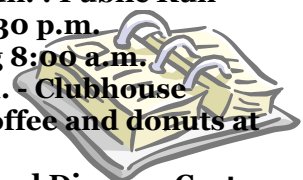
**Add the following under General Rule C on page 1:
(The following rules are effective immediately)**

- C.1.0 **Pulling Public Using O.C.M.E. or Private Equipment.** This includes run weekends, birthday parties, and other events that the public may attend.
- C.1.1 Engineers **must** be 18 years of age, pass the O.C.M.E. engineer test, and be checked out by an O.C.M.E. engineer on the specific equipment being used.
- C.1.2 Conductors **must** be 14 years of age, pass the O.C.M.E. conductors test, and be checked out by an O.C.M.E. engineer
- C.1.3 Trains can include up to six riding cars.

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<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
December 5th Sat.: Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. General Meeting 9:00 a.m. - Clubhouse.
December 5th Sat.: Newport Beach Police Family Day and Polar Express.
December 19th & 20th Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
January 9th 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
January 30th Sat.: OCME's Annual Dinner - Costa Mesa County Club



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C.2.0 Operating O.C.M.E. Equipment during times not attended by the public.

C.2.1 Engineers **must** be 14 years of age or older, pass the O.C.M.E. engineer test, and be checked out by an O.C.M.E. engineer on the specific equipment being used in order to operate the train by themselves.

C.2.2 Members **under** 14 years of age must always be supervised by an O.C.M.E. engineer **over** 18 years of age on board the train.

C.2.3 Members who are learning to operate club equipment must be supervised by an O.C.M.E. engineer **over** 18 years of age on board the train.

C.2.4 Trains can include up to six riding cars.

The above rules are effective immediately.

This month the club will be conducting major fund raising activities. We will need as many club members as we can muster. On our normal work day Saturday December 5th we have the Polar Express. We anticipate as many as 1000 riders this year. We must help set up the North Pole village as well as operate 6 to 10 trains. So you see we will need lots of train crew and station support. The club meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. and we will then break out and support the Newport Beach Police Family Day and the Polar Express.

On the December 19th and 20th we have our Club run weekend with Santa Clause and pictures at the North Pole. This is a popular event and good fund raiser. We must set up and staff the picture location, North Pole station, and the Goat Hill station. We will need crews for up to 8 trains. Joe Hayes will be cooking breakfast for club members who are working. Please see Joe's note in this Way Freight for time and menu. Please come early (8:00 a.m.) so we can have our meeting, set up the stations and get trains out and ready to run. See you in December at our First Class Railroad.



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



Alex Acuña, Dave Bowen*, Terry* & Betty* Cummings, Marilyn Donnelly* Eric Engle*, Paul Hammond*, Erik Hansen*, Joe, Nikki & Carolyn Hayes, Raymond Hill, Hank Hornsveld*, Norm Jobse*, Bill Keith, Gary Kimble, Jim Kontur*, Ken Matassa*, Juanita Matassa, Eric Noel, Kevin & Donna O’Connor, Larry Ogle*, Bill Pemberton, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot, Brock* & Matthew* Seaton, Gary Sharp*, Mike Springer. Lois Taube*, Kevin*, Lori* & Jeff* Tolan, Steve* & Janet* Trom, Chuck Trom, Ben Viola, Dick Zeleznikar.

“*” signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..



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

Bill Pemberton, Dick Zeleznikar

**PLAN AHEAD FOR OCME’s
19TH ANNUAL FALL MEET**

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



The Re-building of the Goat Hill Junction Station

