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OCME's Events in December 2009

Our Club had three big events in December, two of them on December 5th and the last one on December 19th.

The first of these events was the Newport Beach Police Family Fun Day, which took place at MF & GH Junction from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Our very own OCME member Tom Gazsi is the person who organized this wonderful party for his co-workers and their families.

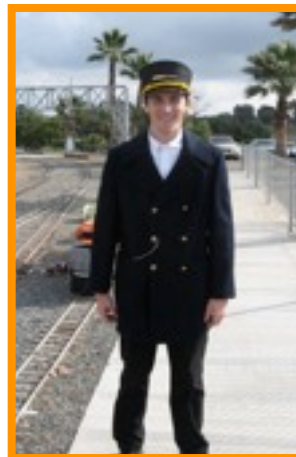
The second of these events on December 5th was the "Polar Express", which is sponsored every year by Weichman & Weichman Realtors. This special day, which is open to the general public, drew 1,200 riders. This compares to 900 riders last year, which tells you the popularity of this special day.

The Costa Mesa Fire Department and a U.S. Marine Detachment were invited and gave all the visitors an



opportunity to look at their trucks and the equipment they carry.

W & W had a special welcoming committee at the Goat Hill Junction, including Alex Acuña (pictured below), who was the official Conductor for the arriving guests. W & W also had games and face painting at the birthday siding. It was a fun day for all who participated.



The pictures on this page courtesy of Kevin Tolan

The last event in December was our annual Christmas public run day on the 19th.

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY
**Outgoing President
Bob Brooks**

As forecasted, December was a very productive month for our Club. We hosted the New Port Beach Police Family Day. Tom Gazsi organized their outing and it was a rousing success. Later in the day we hosted the Polar Express, which was organized by Kurt Talitski and his real estate associates. We set a record of sorts, in that we pulled 1201 riders in 3 hours. I think we had ten trains running at once. Terry Cummings had the train station departures organized so we could get three trains loaded simultaneously. This really facilitated getting the people to the "North Pole" quickly. There was minimal passenger waiting at the Goat Hill Station. The club really turned out to support these two activities. They included: Alex Acuña, Mel Bresee, Bob Brooks, Terry & Betty Cummings, Dave Bowen, Gary & Angels Dutra, Eric Engle, Tom Gazsi, Mike Getscher, Paul Hammond, Joe Hayes, Hank Hornsveld, Carol Hunneyman, Norm Jobse, Gary Kimble, Jim Kontur, Ken Matassa, Doug & Bailey Maywald, Larry Ogle, Bob Osborne, Phil Parker, Bill Pemberton, Myron Peterson, Bob Platfoot, Brock & Matthew Seaton, Dixon Sheldon & Chuckles, Mike Springer, Allen Stephens, Glenn Swain, Kevin Tolan, Steve Trom, Chuck Trom.

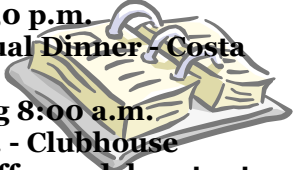
Special thanks to Betty Cummings for opening the store. Our stomachs are all thankful to Joe Hayes for cooking breakfast. If I missed anyone please accept my apologies.

On our December run weekend we had a great turn out. Again we had up to ten trains running and pulled 1771 riders on Saturday and 1343 riders on Sunday for a total of 3143 riders. Santa Claus talked to a lot of kids and we took a lot of pictures. Thanks to Chuck Rollins and Terry Cummings for making the photos possible. Joe Hayes made sure we were all fed breakfast and lunch on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. All in all the month of December was a good one for generating revenue. Thanks to everyone for making it possible to keep the club funded.

This will be my last message as club president. I want to thank you all for the support these last four years. See you on January 30th 2010 at the annual banquet of our First Class Railroad.

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<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
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 16th & 17th Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
January 30th Sat.: OCME's Annual Dinner - Costa Mesa Country Club
February 6th 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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**“I’ve been workin’ on the railroad”
in December**



Dave Bowen*, Mel Bresee, Bob Brooks*, Terry* & Betty* Cummings, Wendy & Connor Dahl, Marilyn Donnelly* Tom & Rowena Duong, Eric Engle*, Mike Getscher, Paul Hammond*, Erik Hansen*, Joe*, & Carolyn Hayes, Raymond & Cherron Hill, Norm Jobse*, Gary Kimble, Jim Kontur*, Derek & Claire Marsden, Jim Marsden, Ken Matassa*, Doug & Bailey Maywald, Dan O'Brien, Kevin & Donna O'Connor, Bill Pemberton, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot*, Brock* & Matthew* Seaton, Gary Sharp*, Mike* & Donna* Springer, Allen Stephens*, Glenn Swain*, Lois Taube*, Kevin*, Lori* & Jeff* Tolan, Steve & Janet Trom, Charles & Collin Westphal, Jack Young, Dick Zeleznikar.

“*” signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..



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

Russ Green, Norm Jobse.

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

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

FOR SALE

Rail Systems SD-45 with Hydraulic Driven Slug in BNSF Paint Scheme.

Low hours(80)of operation logged on hobs meter, in excellent condition.

The equipment has had light use. Nearly a \$20,000.00 value.

\$14,000.00 obo

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FOR SALE

The following ad is being run in the Way Freight by Dick Zeleznikar:

A friend in Calabassas has a ca1960 American Flyer Fronteersman S gauge for sale.

The price is open - eBay quotes prices from \$200 to over \$500.

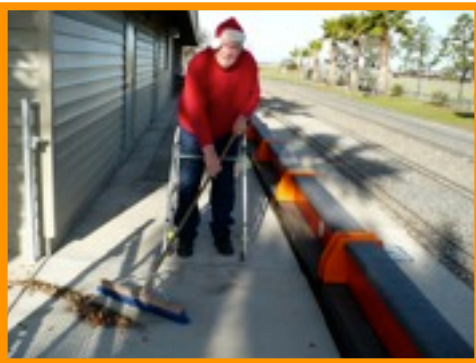
Please call Dick at (714) 962-5052 or miloz@verizon.net



The day started with breakfast cooked to order by Joe Hayes, followed by the Club members getting their trains ready for the big day (poor Claire Marsden had to push the transfer table all by herself).



Then Jim Kontur cleaned up the Goat Hill Junction Station. Terry Cummings get everything set up for the Santa photos. Glenn Swain took the first visitors to see Santa and . . .



Lori Tolan was the official poser for the best Santa picture of one of our visitors, which just happens to be the daughter and granddaughter of the Way Freight Editor.

