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SPOTLIGHT ON OCME's 2010 ANNUAL DINNER



Top Row: Co-chairs - Betty Cummings and Lori Tolan. Jeff, Kevin & Lori Tolan.
 Bottom Row: Gary & Nadine Sharp with the Club's newest members Doris & Richard Vidal-Dorsch & their relatives. OCME's Harvey Girls - Betty, Lois, Marilyn, Carolyn, Janet & Lori. {See Spotlight, Page 4}

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Jim Ferguson

Ideas and the Fulcrum

If you have an idea you are passionate about, you need to lead and champion that idea. Don't get intimidated by the Status Quo. The Status Quo is boring and leads to the "Same OL Same OL". I don't know about you but if I am going to spend time on something I want it to be remarkable. Not good but great! Usually great or remarkable ideas come from more than one person. A cord of three strands is always stronger than one!

Getting more people involved and thinking it all the way through is usually a smart idea. This concept creates leverage. Leverage can change the way you do something or think about something. A fulcrum for instance creates leverage. Remember with a Fulcrum long enough a 5 year old can lift a 250 lb. Sumo Wrestler off the ground.

OCME is at an interesting junction. We are in Status Quo mode. Everything is OK. We have a good membership, our track is in great shape and our facilities are in good repair. We are giving rides to about 2,700 to 3,000 people per weekend. We have two successful meets per year and various other club events. The issue is, are we satisfied with this? Some may say yes while others want to do more. More means change. I believe we are ready to take OCME to the next level. To do so will require more of something, work, thought, and more.

We talked about tickets last month. Many people weighed in on this subject. I even heard a story from Kevin Tolan who was approached by a rider. He told Kevin "You guys do the worst job of asking for money than any nonprofit organization I have ever seen". Instead of a ticket booth we came up with a good half measure. Better sign-age, a better donation box and announcements as riders get on the trains. We will give this a try for a while and see what this does to our donations.

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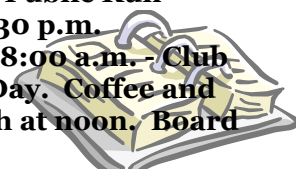
DATES TO REMEMBER

March 6th Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 a.m. - Club house followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon. Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.

March 20th & 21st Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

April 3rd Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 a.m. - Club house followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon. Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.

April 22 - 25 Thur. - Sun.: OCME's 2010 Spring Meet.



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We received some very good ideas stimulated from the last new letter. One idea came from Terry Cummings who challenged us to bring in at least one new member this year. This should be a no brainer. After all we see almost 1800 different people every run weekend. This is a Mecca for new members, all we have to do is invite them. The club needs new members to bring the average age down. One day I'll figure out what the average age is but for now I know I'm not getting younger.

A lot of people like the tunnel idea. Creating a fund raising effort addressing that concept was suggested. Having people or family names engraved into ties for a \$10+ donation was one idea. Just so you know, we have 70,000 ties on the railroad. Keep the ideas coming, good or bad they all lead us somewhere.

Remember the Fulcrum! Let's get people not more fulcrums to do the lifting! See you on the tracks.



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



Dave Bowen, Bob Brooks, Terry* & Betty* Cummings, Wendy Dahl, Connor Dahl, Marilyn Donnelly, , Tom Duong, Eric Engle*, Jim* & Hunter* Ferguson, Paul Hammond*, Erik Hansen, Joe, Carolyn & Nikki Hayes, Hank Hornsveld, Norm Jobse*, Gary Kimble, Jim Kontur, Ken Matassa*, Dan O'Brien, Kevin & Donna O'Connor, Larry Ogle*, Bob Osborne, Bill Pemberton*, Bob Platfoot*, Mike Springer*, Glenn Swain*, Lois Taube, Steve & Janet Trom, Chuck Trom, Charles & Collin Westphal, Jack Young, Dick Zeleznikar.

“*” signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..



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

Raymond Hill, Bill Pemberton.

Dispatchers Note: March 2010

Railroad: Mackerel Flats & Goat Hill Junction

Call List: OCME Membership & Guests

Run: *SPECIAL - OCME Spring Meet - APRIL 22-25 2010*

Passengers: OCME Members and their Guests

Special Events:

Thursday: Set up Hobo Camp, Main Line & Yard Operations (Ops)

Friday: Am-Pm – Engineers Choice (Bi Directional until 5pm)

Saturday: Am-Pm – Main Line, Yard Ops, Train Skill Events, Birthday Party & Family Fun for ALL

Sunday: Am-Pm – Engineers Choice, Secure Boilers & Camp @ 3PM.

Accommodations: Pullman of choice for dry camping – Circle the Wagons!

Activities:

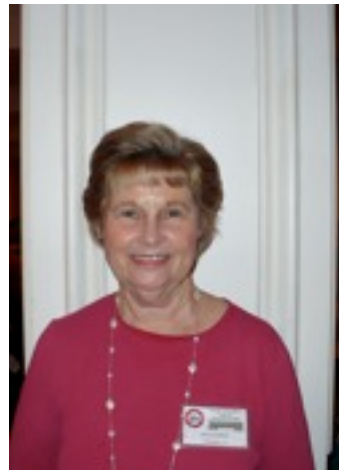
Friday: Dinner (bring own meat & a dish to share - grill will be hot).

Saturday: Breakfast for early birds, **train skill events**, lunch for all, **Photo Shoot for all Cabooses** and then an evening Hobo Cook Out (potluck) Dinner. (For the Potluck Dinner: P-Z Main Dish, A-G Salad, H-O Desert.)

Mark your calendars and look for ‘more’ signals ahead – Toot Toot!!

This is a **non-public run** activity and meant to be shared with the families and guests of the OCME members. We look forward to your participation and most of all, the fellowship of sharing the railroad experience once again. If you would like to volunteer your time, services or ideas, please contact Russ Green (858) 748-4009 or npcaboose@cox.net.

SPOTLIGHT
ON . . .



Top Row: President Jim Ferguson thanking Carol Hunneyman and Bob Brooks for serving on the Club's Board with distinction.

Middle & Bottom Rows - Some of our members having a fun time: Dan & Fran O'Brien, Allen & Dreena Lee Stephens, Richard & Karen Schmidt.

At the end of the evening, we all watched a wonderful video compliments of Alex Acuña.