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9th OCME Spring Meet

The 9th OCME Spring Meet is almost here. The days and dates for this meet are Thursday,



April 22nd through Sunday, April 25th. There is a full schedule of events planned by Russ Green, the chair of this year's Spring Meet. Please see this full schedule of all the events on the insert page of this Way Freight.

The Club's first Fall Meet was held in 1992. The announcement was made in the March/April 1992 Way Freight and has been extremely successful every year. At our Fall Meets, we invite members from other railroad clubs. In fact the invitation to our Fall Meet is sent to 28 other clubs as close by as

Riverside Live Steamers to as far away as Vancouver Island Model Engineers.

As for our Spring Meet, Lori Toland wrote in the February, 2002 issue of the Way Freight...she used to write articles every month as the Social chairperson "Lines From Lori". Here is part of the article...."On May 25th and 26th, over Memorial Day weekend our club's First annual Spring Fun Run meet for members and their families. The weekend will be complete with camping available, big and little engineer games, bi-directional runs, potluck and more. Make this a new family tradition with your OCME family over the holiday weekend." We changed the name to the Spring Meet and moved it off of the Memorial Day weekend the following year and eventually Russ Green volunteered to take over as the chairman. Originally, Kevin and I got a second set of camping permits and this allowed a weekend in the Spring for the members on a non-public weekend to enjoy the club other than the Fall Meet...that was the original concept. But our members wanted to do something just for us. That was and has been the impetus for the Spring Meets. It is a time for members to share fun, laughter, train rides and most of all fellowship.

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Jim Ferguson

Random rules for ideas worth spreading

If you've got an idea worth spreading, I hope you'll consider this random assortment of rules. Like all rules, some are made to be broken, but still most rules work for the common good

- Waiting for inspiration is another way of saying that you're stalling. You don't wait for inspiration, you command it to appear.
- Don't poll your friends. It's your inspiration, not an election.
- Avoid powerful people. Great ideas aren't anointed; they spread through a groundswell of support.
- The hard part is finishing after the idea is flushed out, so enjoy the starting part.
- Powerful organizations adore the status quo, so expect no help from them if your idea challenges the very thing they adore.
- Figure out how long your idea will take to spread, and multiply by 4.
- Seek out people who catch your passion, not partners. People who benefit from spreading your idea, not people who need to own it.
- Think big. Bigger than that.
- Are you a serial idea-starting person? If so, what can you change to end that cycle? The goal is to be an idea-shipping person.
- Try not to confuse confidence with delusion.
- Surround yourself with encouraging voices and incisive critics. It's okay if they're not the same people. Ignore both camps on occasion.
- Be grateful.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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 17th & 18th Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
April 22 - 25 Thur. - Sun.: OCME's 2010 Spring Meet.
May 1st 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.

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- Rise up to the opportunity, and do the idea justice.
- Many people will throw you off track, listen to their advice but don't derail your main objective.

So far I have talked about ideas, ways to think differently and explore. The reason is this club has some amazing talent. In many cases it's not being used. I am simply trying to ignite some of this into projects I know this club is capable of doing. A tunnel, a Museum, and a more active club with younger people involved.

A good example is our Web Site. We now have the Engineer and Conductor hand books posted in a section titled "Members". We have a Facebook Page where we post activities and events. We are being exposed to the community in amazing ways. We have three very large events scheduled this spring and early summer. Two Eagle Scout Troops want to do projects at the facility. We have momentum and I for one love to see our facility used by members and members serving the community.

Let's keep going! By the way this is Spring Meet Month! I hope to see the largest turn out in history. Russ Green and Dixon Sheldon Chair the Event and they have some great stuff planned. Check out the web site for more details. I hope you have a great month riding the rails. Thanks for all you do to make us a First Class Railroad!



**"I've been workin' on the railroad"
in March**



Alex Acuña, Tim & Cher Bartlett, Dave Bowen*, Bob Brooks*, Connor Dahl, Marilyn Donnelly*, Eric Engle, Holly & Hunter Ferguson, Paul Hammond*, Joe* & Carolyn* Hayes, Norm Jobse*, Ian & Amy Johnston (daughter and son-in-law of Steve & Janet Trom), Gary Kimble, Ken Matassa*, Juanita Matassa*, Kevin & Donna O'Connor, Larry Ogle, Bill Pemberton, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot*, Brock* & Matthew* Seaton, Gary Sharp*, Mike Springer, Glenn Swain*, Lois Taube, Kevin*, Lori* & Jeff* Tolan, Steve* & Janet Trom*, Chuck Trom.

"*" signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..



**Many "thanks" to the
March
Birthday Party &
Raise Foundation
Volunteers.**

Raymond Hill, Bill Pemberton, Jim Ferguson, Hunter Ferguson, Dixon Sheldon, Carroll Sheldon, Russ Green, Phil Parker, Jack Young, Larry Ogle, Bob Brooks, Wendy Dahl, Gary Kimble Steve Trom, Terry & Betty Cummings.

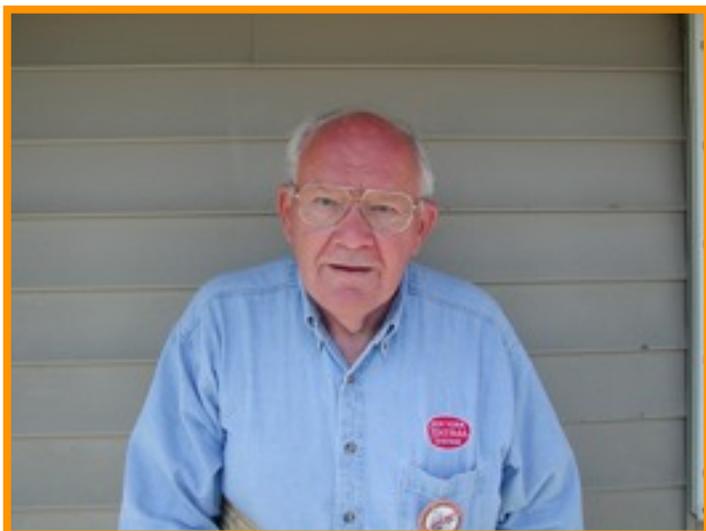
**Did You Know About the Tehachapi
Loop**



The Tehachapi Loop is a .73 miles (1.17 km) long 'spiral', or helix, on the railroad main line through Tehachapi Pass, in south central California. The loop derives its name from the circuitous route it takes, in which the track passes over itself, a design which lessens the angle of the grade. A train more than 4,000 feet (1.2 km) long (about 85 boxcars) will thus pass over itself going around the loop. In 1998 it was named a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. The railroad line connects Bakersfield in the San Joaquin Valley to Mojave in the Antelope Valley. Hailed as one of the greatest engineering feats of its day (ca. 1876) as well as being the world's busiest single-track main, the line was built by Southern Pacific Railroad.



Jim Kontur



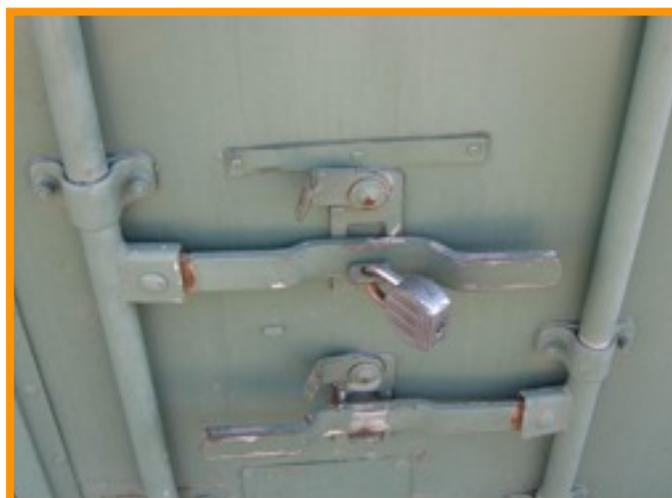
Like most of the other train (nuts) enthusiasts, I started with a Lionel train set around our Christmas tree.

After high school I went to work for Warner & Swasey Company of Cleveland, Ohio as an apprentice machinist. When I graduated from the apprentice program, I was asked to join the service department as a service engineer. As such, I traveled the east coast from Maine to Florida and east of the Mississippi River. Of course I was always sent to Florida in the summer and to Maine in the winter.

In December of 1958 I was sent to Erie, PA. My wife had vacation time so she went with me and did some Christmas shopping. When it came time to go back to Cleveland there was a problem—a snow storm hit Erie. When I finally stopped at my office to drop off my paper work, I was told that the company wanted me to move to Los Angeles. When I told my wife, she told me that she wasn't even going to unpack her suitcase.

We left for California in January 1959 and now comes the part of this story where I got into Live

steam. I went to Montibello High School and enrolled in a machine shop class. One night I was working on a smoke stack for an HO engine. I was tapped on the shoulder and asked what I was doing? That someone was Ed Nelson. He told me if I wanted to build a steam engine—build a real one and invited me to visit Los Angeles Live Steamers with him. That is all it took—I was hooked. I joined and stayed a member until 1973 when I was laid off from my job. In 1983 I joined Riverside Live Steamers but I learned that there was a live steam track in Orange County. On one of my visits to Fullerton Railroad Days someone from the Orange County Model Engineers gave me a business card with a map of the back of the card. It took me three years to find that card. When my wife passed away I was cleaning the house and found the card. I came down, liked what I saw and have been here ever since. You can't get rid of me.



The above picture was taken by Kevin Tolan on a visit to the compound. The obvious question--WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE? If you do not know--please ask.