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~ Courageous Kids - Conductors Carnival ~

On the 13th of June, several members of OCME were active participants in the Conductors Carnival for the Courageous Kids of Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. These Courageous Kids were or are oncology patients recovered, recovering or are being given primary care by the special doctors, nurses and staff members of Children's. Many of the staff members were "volunteers" at this event. Emotional re-acquaintances with patient and staff members were evident all day. Just to witness this event was absolutely special.

We provided train rides to nearly 1000 people both young and old, observing countless smiles all day long. Several trains were out, both Club and personal, plus the steam engines of Jim Ferguson and Steve Trom. We all had a ball pulling the children and their families from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on this special Sunday.

In addition to our train rides, the Cancer Society had arranged for food and activities throughout the park (see the insert pages for pictures) under the cover of tents and in the open. They even had three "bounce" houses for the kids to jump up and down. What fun!

The Costa Mesa K-nine police units, fire trucks, plus mascots from Panda Express, Anaheim Ducks Hockey team, and CHOC were big hits as they mingled with the Kids and yes, they even rode our trains.

Seeing all of those wonderful smiles created by our trains and the crews who manned them, made the day all that much more enjoyable and reminded me once again what a wonderful service we do for our community. These children will remember their outing for a lifetime to come and to think that we at OCME were given the opportunity to contribute to such a worthwhile event. I encourage all of you to come out and support our Club and our activities whenever you can, the personal satisfaction you gain by helping others smile is more than ample reward.

Thank you all for being part of the "team" here at OCME.

Russell W. Green

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Jim Ferguson

Not sure why you would want to reinforce the noise in your head that tells you not to speak up, stand out and do work that matters, but if you do, a surefire way to do it is to focus your attention on every piece of negative feedback in your environment. Or to imagine every possible disaster that could befall you, and to do it repeatedly.

Did you ever use this phrase "this might work?" "This better work," is the thinking of safety, of proven, of beyond blame. "This might work," on the other hand, is the thinking of great ideas, innovation and insight.

If you spend all day working on stuff that better work, you back yourself into a corner, because you'll never have the space or resources to throw some 'might' stuff into the mix. On the other hand, if you spend all your time on stuff that might work, you'll never need to dream up something that better work, because your ideas will have paid off long ago.

Some people might have said the American Cancer Society event held last weekend won't work. There is just too much preparation, we won't get the crews. I always approach things that "this might work" in fact I would not ever waste your time or mine on something I don't think will work. We have some big plans that I think will work. In the coming months we will lay down a strategic plan for the new station and tunnel.

Stay tuned it's going to be fun and certainly interesting. Thanks for all you do.

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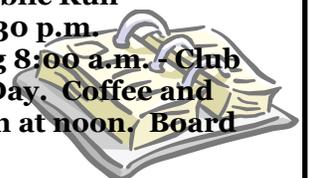
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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 10th 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.
July 17th & 18th Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
August 7th 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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**“I’ve been workin’ on the railroad”
in June**



Alex Acuña*, Tim* & Cher* Bartlett, Dave Bowen, Bob Brooks*, Terry* & Betty* Cummings, Marilyn Donnelly, Eric Engle*, Jim* Hunter* & Holly Ferguson, Mike Getscher*, Paul Hammond*, Joe* & Carolyn Hayes, Raymond Hill, Hank Hornsveld, Norm Jobse*, Ian Johnston, Gary Kimble, Jim Kontur*, Ken Matassa*, Juanita Matassa*, Larry Ogle*, Bill Pemberton*, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot*, Gary Sharp*, Glenn Swain*, Lois Taube, Kevin*, Jeff* & Lori Tolan, Steve* & Janet* Trom*, Chuck Trom, Jack Young.

“*” signifies working both Saturday and Sunday..

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



Jack Young, Chip Bassett, Alex Acuña, Wendy Dahl, Dixon & Carroll Sheldon, Russ Green, Bill Pemberton.

Operations friendly reminders:

Mike Getscher, V.P. Operations

With a number of new members in the fold, we’d like to take an opportunity to provide a few reminders (and perhaps new information) to train crews.

Yard Limits

Please watch your speed within the confines of the yard...track conditions are different than the main line and derailments are possible. It is always advised to go at a slower speed which will reduce the likelihood of damage should a car or engine derail.

First trains out on run day

For our new engineers, the first train out on a public run day should run the track in the established direction of travel in order to verify track conditions before arriving at the station. Caution should be taken during this process as

switches may have been tampered with. Problems shall be reported to the Trainmaster immediately.

New Conductors

If you have Conductor certification from another club, we still require that you attend an OCME training session before conducting at the Club. As a reminder, the minimum age for Conductors per Club rules is 14.

FOR SALE

by Cliff Bornschein

- 1.) Lincoln Arc Welder Model AC225/DC125
Input--230 V. 50 A. \$150.00
- 2.) Welding Helmet Auto-darkening
Huntsman Model 430P \$40.00
- 3.) Welding accessories

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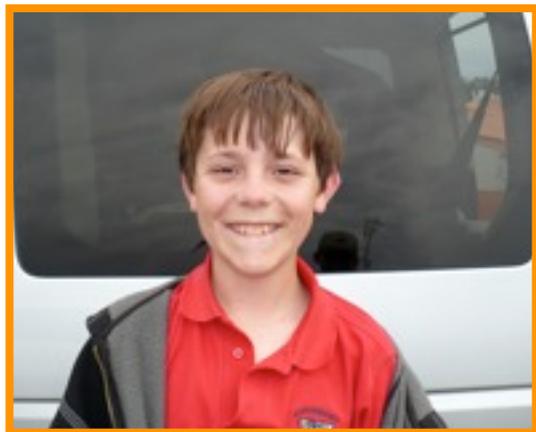
**PLAN AHEAD FOR OCME’s
19TH ANNUAL FALL MEET**

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

There will be more information in the next issue of the Way Freight - August, 2010



Hunter Ferguson



Hi my name is Hunter Ferguson and I am 15 years old. My love for trains started the first Christmas after I was born in 1995, when my dad set up his old LGB 0-4-0 steam train set! My mom called that Christmas “Black Friday”, because the second the train went around the track I fell in love, and before you know it I was a rail nut!!! Shortly after, my dad gave me his old LGB set for my 2nd Birthday, but that was not enough. I then got my first Brio wood train set that same Christmas! By the time I was 3 years old, I was at my local train store buying HO scale locomotives that cost \$200 or more each! This is when my mom saw her mistake of letting me have a passion for such an expensive hobby. By the time I was 5 years old I was introduced to OCME by Dixon Sheldon! I started working at OCME for the first [time] and met a great new friend, Jeff Tolan! He greeted me with a smile and a look on his face that said: “I love trains”!!! But I did not stay, because I did not know that I

would have to work, like, on a real railroad! I was so used to a labor free HO scale layout. But when I turned 10 years old, I came back with a new surprise for me and for my parent’s wallet! Her name was Chloe; a 7 1/2” gage live steam 0-4-2T. Soon Chloe was too small and we traded her plus some money for Durango! Durango was a large 3” scale 2-4-2 oil fired live steam locomotive. When we recently decided to go to the 2009 Triennial Meet at Train Mountain, we learned that Durango had more problems than we thought! By the end of the meet, my dad was trying to put that 800 lbs beast back on the track after a horrible derailment when he felt a sharp pain and knew what it was! (Hernia!!!) With all the problems she had all ready caused, we knew it was time for a new engine! This time a Shay!!! To this very day, my Shay Sonora runs the rails at OCME! Sometimes my dad and I just have fun, and other times we pull the public! Durango is now owned by Richard Passman, who belongs to LALS! The years have gone by so fast, but my love for trains never ends! Even with over 100 HO scale, Lionel, and LGB trains, as well as a C-21 2-8-0 coal fired live steam project my dad and I are starting next year, it seems like I can never have enough trains! And no matter what happens, I will always be there to help support OCME!



Hunter and his “Shay”