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OCME's Fall Meet - A Look Back

OCME's 19th annual Fall Meet will take place on September 16th thru September 19th of 2010. I got to thinking of why this is the 26th year of our Club and only the 19th Fall Meet. I decided to look back at past Way Freight editions and research the very first Fall Meet.

The announcement of our first Fall Meet was in the Way Freight edition Volume 8 Number 3+4 dated March/April, 1992. The headline and accompanying article reads as follows.

FIRST OCME FALL MEET SET

"The Orange County Model Engineers has set a date for its first real meet. It will be in the fall and the date has been set for October 17 - 18. An effort was made to have our meet at a time that did not conflict with the other clubs in the area. We plan to have the second loop and a number of other improvements finished by that time. We hope for a very exciting meet.

A few of the improvements that we plan on completing include more sidings, direct-to-outbound track loading facilities, improved

steaming bay facilities, more watering stations on-line, a signaling system and better public picnic facilities. Its gonna be fun.

Although we were concerned about scheduling our meet around other clubs, one of the big considerations became Mike Russo's upcoming wedding. It was critical that we set a date so that Mike would not miss the wedding or have to return early from the honeymoon.

So spread the word, we want to see as many clubs and organizations participating as possible!"

The members of OCME's Board in 1992 who made this momentous decision were: President - Hank Hornsveld, Vice President - Bob Platfoot, Secretary - Mike Russo, Treasurer - Tom Allinger and member - Bob Fackiner. The Way Freight editor was Jeff Johannsen.

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Jim Ferguson

Some days, even the best dentist doesn't feel like being a dentist, and a lifeguard might not feel like being a lifeguard. Fortunately, they have appointments, commitments and jobs. They have to show up. They have to start doing the work. And most of the time, this jump start is sufficient to get them over the hump, and then they go back to being in the zone and doing their best work.

Momentum is incredibly useful to someone who has to overcome fear, dig in deep and accomplish something. Momentum gives you a reason to overcome your fear and do your art, because there are outside forces and obligations that keep you moving. Without them, you'd probably stumble and fall and yet many of us fear too much momentum. We look at a project launch or a job or another new commitment as something that might get out of control. It's one thing to be a folk singer playing to a hundred people a night in a coffeehouse, but what if the momentum builds and you become a star? A rock star? With an entourage and appearances and higher than high expectations for your next work. That's a lot of momentum!

Deep down, this potential for an overwhelming response alerts our "we don't deserve it syndrome" and we hold back. We're afraid of being part of something that feels like it might be too big for us, but it isn't. We are about ready to embark on some big things. A new tunnel project and station. This is going to involve the new lease and Master Plan.

We have momentum on our side and want to use it to our advantage. I want to encourage everyone in the club that feels a passion for segments of the plan to jump in. Let's get off the 20/80 rule. That's when 20% of the people do 80% of the work. We need your talents and just maybe you can help with some more momentum!

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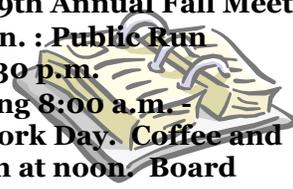
DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11th 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.

September 16th - 19th: OCME's 19th Annual Fall Meet

September 18th - 19th: Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

October 2nd 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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Gary & Angela Dutra



Gary and Angela have been helping out with the plants and trees here at the OCME some 14 years--first under Head Gardener Bob Donnelly, and now on their own, doing the best they can for the greenery here at the train yards.

Gary is a former American Airlines aircraft mechanic. Angela worked in a Special Education Preschool Class for 22 years. Their son Dave and their daughter Cara, along with her two little boys, have visited here from time to time.

Our train back grounds--Gary as a child rode the Daylight from Los Angeles to Oakland round trip for many years to visit his Dad (using the Tehachapi Loop in those days)--Angela grew up in the shadow of the old Alhambra train

station and its nearby railroad tracks here in Southern California. Angela even belonged to a "Train Fan Club" along with all the other neighborhood children in the 1950's. They used to watch the passenger trains arrive and depart. They used to see the freight trains carry sugar beets, rocks, and oil. The train engineers used to wave at us.

So somehow Gary and Angela are privileged to have landed at OCME, among a group of very first class people who also love trains, and who share their knowledge and talent maintaining this very fine community establishment.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Josh Klemske from Colton.

Sid Smith from Fullerton.

Evan Poe from Mission Viejo.

Andy Romer from Huntington Beach.

Josh Abas from San Antonio, Texas.

The Blanchard Family (Ronald, Deborah and Aimee, who is 2 years old) from Newport Beach.

Please say "Hi" the next time you see them at Mackerel Flats & Goat Hill Junction.