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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011

You will find an insert in this issue of the Way Freight to pay your annual dues for 2011. Annual membership in OCME will be from the first day in January and you will have until the last day of January to send in your money along with the information in the insert. The address is on the dues invoice form. The 2011 OCME membership roster will be sent to the printers on the first day of February. Your dues should be paid by that time so you and family members and spouse can be included in this roster. Our Club roster includes pictures. If your or any family member picture is missing and you want it included or you want any pictured updated, please e-mail any/all pictures to bill.pemberton@ca.rr.com.

Even Though the Club's regular public run days were rained out (again) and by the way that was the first time in the history of OCME that we were rained out both days of two months in a row, we still had not one but two Santas at Goat Hill Junction. The first was for the Newport Beach Police Family Fun day and the second was for the annual Polar Express, which is sponsored by Weichman Associates Realtors. Here is the Newport Beach Police Santa, being brought to Goat Hill Junction on Tom Gazsi's train "Joshua". The Polar Express Santa will be found on Page 4.



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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

Outgoing President Jim Ferguson

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

If someone asks you that question, are you excited to tell them the answer?

I hope so. If not, you're wasting away. No matter what your job is, no matter where you work, no matter where you go to school there's a way to create a project (on your own, on weekends if necessary), where the excitement is palpable, where something that might make a difference is right around the corner. Where you can express your passions and maybe the most important thing is "where you can be of service."

Service is a curious thing. It's usually done out of the need to get out of yourself. Do something that is unselfish out of humility. This is the season for service. You know it's better to give than to receive. When we were all kids we only got the receive part. It wasn't till I had kids that I got a bigger kick out of seeing the look on their faces when they received a gift from me.

So the hardest part is getting out of your own way to be able to give back, time, money, talents and the natural gifts you have been given. OCME is all about serving in different ways. We cannot forget that this great facility would not exist without givers and servants. In 2011 a new Board will come in and they will need a lot of servants to get the projects we want to do get done. This is not a railroad that has any full time, part time or any time employees.

I've enjoyed serving OCME for the past 4 years as a Board member. I hope in the future more of you will step up and serve on the Board but if you do not, please keep in mind that you do not need to be on the Board to serve! Thanks for all you do. See you on the tracks or bent over them working on them so we have a safe and well run railroad.

Jim Ferguson
Outgoing President

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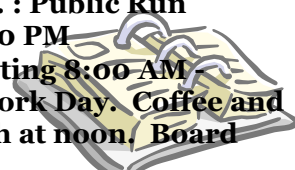
DATES TO REMEMBER

January 8th. Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 AM - Club house followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon. Board Meeting 1:00 PM

January 15th. - 16th.: Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

February 5th. Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 AM Club house followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon. Board Meeting 1:00 PM

February 26th. Sat.: Annual Winter Banquet. See Page 3.



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ELECTION RESULTS

The OCME members voted in December to replace two outgoing Directors of the Club's Board of Directors. Each of the new directors shall be elected for a two year term beginning January 1, 2011. The ballots were mailed to all eligible Club voters and returned by the deadline time, which was December 24, 2010.

The Club's By-Laws specify that, when counting, ballots must be opened by an officer of the Board with a non-board member present. The ballots were counted on December 30, 2010. The officer of the Board present was Jim Ferguson, President of OCME and the non-board member present was Bill Pemberton.

The number of ballots received was 74. The nominees on the ballot were Kevin Tolan and Lori Tolan. Kevin received 74 votes, Lori Tolan received 73 votes and Dixon Sheldon received one write-in vote.

Kevin and Lori will be OCME Board members as of January 1, 2011. The positions they will take over will not be determined until the first Board meeting in January, which is scheduled for January 8, 2011. The reason for this is that we, as members, vote for a person to serve but not the position in which they serve. That is only determined by the Board members themselves.

ANOTHER RUSS GREEN SPECIAL EVENTS CAR



“I’ve been workin’ on the railroad” in December



No one worked at our public run days on December 18th & 19th. We were rained out both days.

Many “thanks” to the December Birthday Party Volunteers.

Russ Green & Phil Parker.



Many “thanks” to the Polar Express volunteers .

Alex Acuña, Mel Bresee, Dennis Clair, Terry & Betty Cummings, Connor Dahl, Eric Engle, Russ Green, Paul Hammond, Gary Kimble, Ken Matassa, Dan O'Brien, Bill Pemberton, Myron Petterson, Gary Sharp, Dixon Sheldon, Allen Stephens, Glenn Swain, Kevin, Lori & Jeff Tolan, Chuck Trom, Steve Trom.

ANNUAL WINTER BANQUET

Save the date of Saturday, February 26th, 2011 for OCME's annual winter banquet. The Place will be the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Fountain Valley. The time will be 6:30 PM. Invitations will be mailed to each member soon.

PREVIEW OF SPECIAL EVENTS CAR

Things to come. Russ Green's special events car, pictured on Page 1. Delivery is around January 15th. More pictures next Way Freight.



THE POLAR EXPRESS



2 young ladies enjoying a visit with the Polar Express Santa



Trains & crews lined up at the station ready for passengers



Children enjoying face painting and crafts



"1104" arriving at the North Pole Station



Frosty the Snowman greeting visitors arriving at Goat Hill Junction station



"Reindeer in training" at the North Pole Station

Pictures & captions courtesy of Ken Matassa