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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Kevin Tolan

Members

First of all , I would like to thank all of you who have shown your support for Lori and me. We don't take this task lightly and we look forward to working with the Board in identifying the challenges and improving and maintaining the railroad best we can.

FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS THIS RAILROAD has given us all something to be proud of. It has run very well with the support of all the members past and present. People with talents in many fields, these members understood obligation, hard work and the satisfaction of a job well done. Their contributions have given us a place to share our railroading hobby with family, friends and the public too. We have been very privileged to have access to such a fine right of way in Fairview Park. . Members have given back to this railroad with sweat, equity, hard work and time. The more we give to the railroad the more we get in return, more fun, more tracks, more facilities and more everything. While having fun, we fulfill our obligation to the City, pay our rent, so to speak and we run trains and run trains well.

My tenure started with the Club 12 years ago. Lori, Jeff and I rode the trains as public visitors, became members, went to workday with Bob Plattfoot and never looked back. I spent 4 years as President when the Mountain Division was built, the A and B containers were installed and the Facilities Use and Storage rules were adopted.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February 5th. Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 AM - Club house followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon. Board Meeting 3:00 PM
February 19th. - 20th.: Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM
February 26th. Sat.: Annual Winter Banquet
March 5th. Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 AM - Club house followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon. Board Meeting 3:00 PM

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Lori has been a director for the fun runs, the Santa run, the banquet, published the Way Freight and served as meet coordinator and now Secretary. As a family, we have travel to many clubs and own 2 steam locomotives and 2 diesels. I tend to be direct and rarely have the time to soften the facts. But, I'm there to help you, if I can.

In the future, I believe the focus of our Train Club will be safety, fulfilling Club obligations, education, member participation, maintenance of what we have, adding to and improving our facilities and railroad, City politics and last but not least, our Club Members.

The Board and I will be and always have been dedicated to doing what is best for the Club, we will continue that commitment with the help of all the member's constructive input and support.

Kevin



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



Dennis Clair*, Betty Cummings*, Marilyn Donnelly, Stefanie Drake*, Gary* & Angela* Dutra, Eric Engle*, Mike Getscher, Russ Green, Paul Hammond*, Joe* & Carolyn* Hayes, Raymond Hill, Norm Jobse*, Ian Johnston, Gary Kimble, Ken Matassa*, Juanita Matassa*, Dan O'Brien, Larry Ogle*, Bill Pemberton, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot*, Evan Poe, Gary Sharp*, Dixon Sheldon*, Allen Stephens*, Lois Taube, Kevin* & Lori* Tolan, Steve Trom*, Chuck Trom*, Collin Westphal,

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



Bill Pemberton, Jack Young, Dennis Clair, Dixon Sheldon, Mike Clayton, Alex Acuña, Russ Green.

Annual Winter Banquet

Don't miss this year's annual banquet on Saturday, February, 26th at 6:30 PM. This year the O.C.M.E Board of Directors, along with co-chairs Betty Cummings and Lori Tolan are hosting a wonderful evening at a new location, the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Fountain Valley. This restaurant is located on Brookhurst St. and Talbert, and 405 freeway close. The \$20 (children\$10) buffet dinner and banquet will be held in a separate, special banquet room located adjacent to the main restaurant. Enter the restaurant at the main entrance and they will direct you to the banquet room just behind the bar area. The facility is perfect and everyone will thoroughly enjoy the delicious dinner and the company of our members, their families and friends. This year we will celebrate this past years' accomplishments with the outgoing and incoming board members, and with many thanks for all the OCME members and their many volunteer hours and hard work. This is a wonderful chance to enjoy the evening in a warm environment with our members, their spouses and families. So don't miss a chance for a fun night to remember complete with a video presentation, awards and delicious food complete with a dessert bar. Please send in the RSVP that you received in the mail, and we will see you all on February 26th! Any questions please call Lori Tolan at (714) 969-9834.



DIXON SHELDON



At the age of 3, I was introduced to live steam by my grandfather because he worked for Southern Pacific. He was able to get me on a locomotive in the Southern Pacific yards, but I was scared to death of the fire breathing dragons. Now looking back I wish was not scared of trains.

I got my first set of Lionel when I was 8 and enjoyed this until I was 16 years old. At that time my dad made me sell it, with several other sets some of which were tinplate, to a friend of mine for \$13.00. I did not want to sell them but I was not using it at the time. I have had HO, N, G, O, and 1 1/2 scales during my lifetime.

I was born in Burbank and lived in North Hollywood until I was 6, then my family moved to Glendora. I lived in Glendora until I joined the Air Force when I was 20 learning my trade of air conditioning. When I left the Air Force in 1974, I started to work in air conditioning in the Telephone Company where I still work today.

When I was 18, Carroll and I met at college. Our dates often ended up at train locations. I think Carroll may have had second thoughts about my hobby but she has always been there to support me. We have traveled all over the United States and Britain looking for train rides and model trains. We went to a train ride just outside of Denver Colorado called "Tiny Town" where the houses were big enough that kids were sitting under the porches of the houses. The locomotives are about the same size as the Sweet Creek. While we were we noticed the gift shop. After we rode the train we went to the shop and we were talking to the shop clerk she mentioned that other visitors recognize us from O.C.M.E. and had ridden on the DIXCBOB at OCME. What a small world.

My parents introduced me to several different hobbies one was Puppetry. I had hand puppets, and marionettes while I was growing up. Chuckles is happy I did or else he may have had to stay in the gift shop for a longer time. As you know Chuckles is the Leading Puppet in the shows during the Spring meet every year. He has 8 friends.

I got involved with OCME in 1998 just after my father-in-law passed away. Bob, my father-in-law and I were like brothers. Once Carroll told her dad that I had come over to her house to take her out on a date not play with her dad. Bob and I were always busy in the garage. After my father-in-law, Bob passed Carroll made the suggestion that I join a train club to help me get over the loss of my best friend, Bob. I had looked at Riverside and LALS but liked OCME best. I think she regrets making that suggestion. She calls me in the afternoon when I should be home and I am steaming just one more time around the track.

When I joined I met up with Bob Watkins who became a very good friend. He owned the DIXCBOB before I bought it from his family after he passed away about 5 years later.

I have made many friends in our hobby and I feel I have become better for this. I met Tom Gazsi in 1994 at a meet in Arroyo Grande, he was an influence that got me thinking about the hobby. I have been very lucky to be at the right place at the right time ... I met Patrick Ledbetter through our local hardware store in Diamond Bar and have become best friends.

Since joining the OCME, Carroll and I have enjoyed the friendship of so many people and our Club has put many smiles on children who have ridden on the Club trains and my equipment the K&M, DIXCBOB, and the B&D Circus.

I have several plans for new equipment and several ideas for the Club.