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## **OCME's Special Events Car**

The Special Events Car was built for the visitors and operators of trains at the Mackerel Flats & Goat Hill Junction Railroad to interact with and ride upon during special events while participating in railroading activities with the Orange County Model Engineers (OCME). The flat car was constructed by Jim Ferguson and Mike Getscher and painted by Russell Green. The Special events car and operational components were designed by Russell Green and built by Russell with assistance from his son, Christopher Green, and the labels for the control panel were provided by Dixon Sheldon. The car was painted by four members of the California Federation of Women's Clubs that are located in Poway, San Diego and Fallbrook, California. These members are Diana Smith (painted the car), LaVerne Jones and Bestina Curon and Ayn Bryant who have painted the plaques. The women's clubs are affiliated with the Federation of Women's Clubs International, organized in 1900 and are the oldest women's volunteer organization in the world. The members of these clubs strive to promote education, eliminate illiteracy, encourage

faithful citizenship, preserve our natural resources, encourage healthy lifestyles, fight to prevent crime and support the arts. This car is truly a result of a collaborative effort of many over the course of 12 months with an accumulated effort of more than 600 hours of dedication by all of the contributors combined.

Here is a picture of some birthday children enjoying OCME's Special Events Car.

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# A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

## President Kevin Tolan

We are making great progress on the facilities; the spurs on the switchback are now complete. We can move on to track work. We need to start marking and inspecting trouble spots on the railroad. Next workday we will be training crews on replacing ties. Also, the squirrels, gophers and rain have made a mess of things the last few years, so inspection and tamping is required. Norm has been working 4 days a week since his surgery ballasting and killing weeds. It is starting to look good out there, thanks Norm

The Board continues to look at safety, operations, infrastructure and qualified member usage. The Spring and Fall meets are scheduled awaiting the permit approval process from the City. We are also looking at several dates for one day meets for an operations and a bi-directional day. These are fun runs, using our railroads switches, spurs and sidings in a Goat Hill kind of way. We will be looking for volunteers to help out on these days to cook and set up and have fun.

Please remember to run safe on our railroad, flag your train, don't tailgate, run the mainline when pulling passengers (it is maintained first), report track issues or fix them, watch paddles points and frogs, time your arrivals and watch your train while in the station. These are small things that will mean more fun for all.

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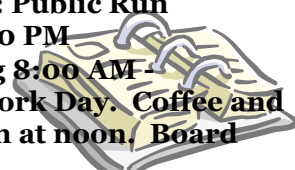
### DATES TO REMEMBER

**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**

**March 19th. - 20th.: Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

**April 2nd. 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**

**April 29th - May 1st: OCME's 10th Annual Spring Meet.**



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{**President**,from Page 2}

Please lock up, when you are the last one in a container lock up; if you are up on top for extended periods, lock up below; if you run steam, turn off the water; if you open the trash or the bathrooms, lock up; open the bridge, lock up; use the back hoe, then cover it. These are all minor things, but if everyone does their share it will be easier for everyone.

One last thing, thank you to all who participate in the run days, work days and thank you to the Birthday Party Team, bookings, schedulers and crews. Great Job!



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



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Alex Acuña\*, Ron Blanchard, Dave Bowen\*, Mel Bresee, Connor Dahl, Marilyn Donnelly, Stefanie Drake, Paul Hammond, Joe\* & Carolyn\* Hayes, Raymond, Cherron & Daniel Hill, Norm Jobse, Gary Kimble, Kevin Lieber, Ken Matassa\*, Juanita Matassa, Kevin & Donna O’Connor, Larry Ogle\*, Bill Pemberton\*, Bob Platfoot\*, Jerry Platfoot\*, Gary Sharp, Dixon Sheldon, Mike Springer, Glenn Swain, Lois Taube, Steve & Janet Trom,Chuck Trom.

“\*”signifies working both Saturday and Sunday.

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**Many “thanks” to the  
February**

**Birthday Party  
Volunteers.**



Jack Young, Dixon Sheldon, Larry Ogle, Mark Tozer, Jim & Hunter Ferguson, Russ Green, Alex Acuña.

**The 10th annual Spring Meet will be here  
soon. April 29<sup>th</sup> thru May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

We are taking a survey list for T-Shirts. The price will be \$ 10.00, no money now send your request to dix4449@msn.com. These shirts will be in men's shirt sizes in white. They will be similar to the Pumpkin Run shirts. This will be another original design by Patrick Ledbetter, who designed the 2001 Christmas Run, the Pumpkin Patch T-Shirts and others over the years. These shirts will be another original design. Chuckles wants his picture on it.

A demonstration on re-railing, brazing, and switch making are being planned.

Carroll will be making cup holders and other special ideas. She has been shopping at Michaels, Anna's, for special ideas.

There will be a Potluck.

There will be camping, tall tales, fun for everyone who attends and lots of smiles.

I have some new puppets, and I am also planning a new presentation.

Ronald Blanchard will be doing the sound, and other regulars will be helping.

If you have noticed extra holes on the property, Chuckles has been blasting looking for gold. Yes there will be gold and a Russ Green puzzle this year. It should be better than last year. Do you know where your Dragons are?

Note: if you missed the Spring Meet last year, you missed the Harvest Moon, fireworks, and a little International space station crossing, Saturn, etc, yes we do other things than just running trains and the night run was fantastic. So please mark your calendars for the last weekend in April for the tenth annual OCME Spring Meet .

Dixon Sheldon

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**Work Day March 5th 2011**

Everyone, please bring your radios for this work day. I plan on providing a special desert for lunch for everyone who brings their radios. We should do this anyway but maybe a slice of pie will remind us to bring the radios to make our work day easier.

Dixon

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## OCME's Special Events Car



The slot on the top of the box that holds the special event plaque



Russ inspecting the wiring plan



The "Happy Birthday" plaque



The construction of the main box



Ready to be shipped



The Main Control Panel



Let's fire it up