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## Winter Banquet 2011

By Lori Tolan

Yes, change can be good.....and this years O.C.M.E. banquet proved that to be true.! After years of “country clubbing it”, this years banquet was promoted to a restaurant for its annual banquet. On Saturday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, our members enjoyed a wonderful evening and the delicious cuisine at the Claim Jumper restaurant. Those who attended were treated to a warm, cozy banquet room complete with décor complementing our railroad theme, a bar area for socializing, and most of all a wonderful dinner and “entertainment?!” We dined on delicious rotisserie chicken, mashed potatoes, salads and my favorite roasted veggies. A dessert bar complemented the meal as our members listened to President Kevin Tolan thanking those had who worked so hard all year long. The 2010 Board of Directors were thanked (Jim Ferguson, Paul Hammond, and Mike Getscher), for all their dedication, along with the many, many members of our hard working Club. Myron Peterson, Larry Ogle and new Board members Dixon Sheldon and the presidents’ favorite secretary, Lori Tolan (me), were introduced and speeches about all the

dedication that it takes from our members to make this club work so well. The store manager, Betty Cummings, received flowers from Kevin and thanks went out to many members who worked so hard all year long on so many, many different aspects and areas in our Club just to make it work. The evening ended with a DVD by Alex Acuna and then there was a final talk about how much dedication it takes for O.C.M.E. to work so well. But how worth the effort always is, especially when you see the children light up on run days as our trains pull into the station. We here at O.C.M.E. are so lucky to have so many dedicated and hard working volunteers and what a great opportunity at our banquet to show this off! Thanks for all who came, can’t wait for next year’s banquet....get your RSVP’s in early ,the room is going to fill up fast!

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# A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

## President Kevin Tolan

Thank you to everyone who came out to our tie replacing workday last month. Two work trains and some very determined gandy dancers replaced 200...ties and tightened up countless sections of rail. It is very important to maintain the main line. Safety, a smooth ride and no derailments are a direct result of your hard work. We continue to make this task easier. Come join us.

Thank you to the members who came out to support run day on Saturday, we were short handed and could have used a few more members. Sunday was cold and not staffed, the rain started around one o'clock. Please do your best to support run days. The spring and summer months are a busy time for your Club run days, we also have several events planned. So please come out and help.

On another subject, the Board is putting together a project application form. This application will include, qualified over sight, the benefit to the Club, the time line and who will be working on the project. These items to be identified prior to start of projects. This will also make sure that the quality of work will be uniform and that the Board will be informed of all projects.

Further, you must have any project approved by the Board; you should also inform the Board of any maintenance performed. We don't want to change the oil twice. We will be working on a reporting system. Until then, use the white board to list broken, not working or unsafe items. If you repair something, put it on the board or put a line through it, if it is completed.

Please remember there is a reason why things are done a certain way, before changing them. Ask. Cars and engines are put away in a certain way, turntables and transfer tables are operated a certain way. We run trains a certain way. Locking up a certain way. It's fun to learn, more fun to do it right and even more fun to learn the easy way and not the hard way. Keep the wheels on the rails, run slow, be safe and enjoy the ride.

### 2011 O.C.M.E. Board of Directors

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- Mackerel Flats Mercantile Store Co-Mgrs:**
- Betty Cummings.....\*82(714) 979-9390
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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**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 16th. - 17th.: Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

**April 29th - May 1st: OCME's 10th Annual Spring Meet (See Insert)**

**May 7th. 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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**Splinters from the Board**  
**Minutes from the March 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting:**

\*Review of details for the Spring Meet were discussed

\*Project qualifications for work day assignments and safety issues were reviewed

\*Sound system (PA) issues were resolved and two systems will be installed separating music from the PA system

\*Two work trains were assembled by Alex, Terry and Kevin

\*Demonstration of proper railroad ties replacement

\*Recapping Annual banquet pros and cons. Favorable responses from the members from this year's banquet

\*Terry Cummings reported that Bruce Hartley of City maintenance stated that chopped asphalt will be brought in the following week for the parking lot

**Minutes from the March 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting:**

\*Minutes were read and approved and Treasurer's report was presented from the previous month

\*Myron Peterson supplied a suggestion from Juanita Matassa for a bike rack at the station. Myron will look into this addition

\*Myron expressed a need for project pre-approvals with a project form to be constructed and used for these future projects

\*Discussion on Spring Meet expenses and costs

\*Terry Cummings discussed refurbishing equipment expenses and needs

\*Terry reported to the board an update on the lease renewal with the City

**Topics to be discussed for the April General/Board Meeting:**

\*Final Spring Meet plans

\*Expansion plans, when, if and how

\*May run day KOCI radio charity event

\*Scheduling for fun run days in the summer



**"I've been workin' on the railroad"  
in March**



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Dave Bowen, Mel Bresee, Betty Cummings, Stefanie Drake, Joe & Carolyn Hayes, Norm Jobse, Gary Kimble, Ken Matassa, Larry & Geri Ogle, Bob Platfoot, Jerry Platfoot, Glenn Swain, Lois Taube, Kevin, Jeff & Lori Tolan, Steve Trom, Chuck Trom, Jack Young.

\*\*\*signifies working both Saturday and Sunday.

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**Many "thanks" to the  
March  
Birthday Party  
Volunteers.**



Bill Pemberton, Jack Young, Dixon Sheldon, Jerry Platfoot, Russ Green, Larry Ogle, Glenn Swain, Dennis Claire.

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**Save the Dates!**

Second Saturdays of the Summer!

Starting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, and including July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup>, O.C.M.E. will be having summertime fun runs and potlucks. Each of those afternoons and evenings we will be having fun running trains, having bi-directionals and potlucks for all to enjoy. More details to follow... just save the dates!

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**Water on /Water off**

Anyone who turns on the water needs to turn it off. If you run a steam engine on site you need to know how to operate the water system. Please Ask.

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Mike & Dianne Clayton from Mission Viejo  
Dennis Clair & Diana Coot from Laguna Niguel  
Please say "Hi" the next time you see them at Mackerel Flats & Goat Hill Junction



**OCME's 2011 WINTER BANQUET**



Co-chairs Lori Tolan & Betty Cummings



THANK YOU Betty for all you do in Mackerel Flats Mercantile



OCME's 2011 Board of Directors; Dixon, Myron, Lori, Kevin & Larry.



Betty with "Harvey Girls" Lori, Lois & Marilyn



Thank you Paul and Jim for your service to OCME



Alex & Gary