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New Tie Saw

Thanks to Terry, Mel, Glen and Jack for their installation of the new tie saw, electrical and table shelf. This saw mounts on the inside of the container door. Open the door and waa laa. You have a saw table. Just close the door to put away. Nice work. More ties. More fun.



Russell Smith Passes

I just received word that Russell Smith has died. I am sorry but I do not know the date of his passing or the cause of his death. Russell was a Life member of OCME. He joined our Club in December of 1989. One of the many contributions to OCME was his drawings of all the utility placements at Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction. Thank you Russell for all you did for OCME.

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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Kevin Tolan

I must say we had a great workday in April, it was a black- tie- event with two crews of gandy dancers, leap froggers, tampers and of course Terry and his crew doing the penguin dance with Dan O Brian penguin. Lunch was served and the birthday parties went off without a hitch. The hustle and bustle was something to behold. We are really starting to get the railroad into shape. Thank you to the volunteers who stepped up and make this possible. Please remember to operate safely and only operate equipment you know how to operate and avoid distraction while operating anything.

We also had a busy run weekend with the Civil War reenactment; a very busy start Saturday with good crews and nice weather, to a crew of four at the end of the day, Sunday was great. Betty and the Harvey girls ran the store both days... a fun weekend. Thanks to everyone for running trains and putting on a terrific Run day.

For those of you who have chosen this hobby," working" on the railroad is a given and a lot of fun, completing a project and a job well done has great satisfaction. This is a working hobby no matter where you go. Track work, maintenance, cooking, store work, paperwork, logistics and running trains. Someone is always workin on the railroad. We accept that. For those of you who are supporting us, or that special someone in the hobby, thank you for your support. It is needed and appreciated. Thank you.

On a side track, the 3 controlling factors that we have on the railroad are, our obligation to the city, our maintenance and our current overhead, the rest is just fun. The run days fulfills our obligation to the city. Wednesday workdays and Saturdays, when manned, take care of our maintenance; that leaves overhead. The current solutions have been the donation box on Run day, the store, and the birthday party/ fund raisers income. We do not make enough income on Run day to survive. The store does well provided it is not rained out. That leaves the Birthday party income, WHEN MANNED; History shows why birthday parties have been so important. Al Thompson started these to pay for the store building. {See **President**, Page 3}

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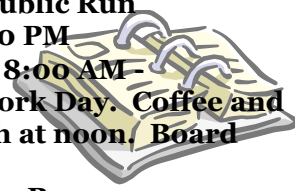
DATES TO REMEMBER

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

May 21st. - 22nd.: Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

June 4th. 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

June 11th. Sat. - Summertime Fun Run



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{**President**, From Page 2}

An engineer and conductor could do 2 in a day, sometimes 4 were done with another crew. These activities allowed the club members to run trains; we have a strong club on 40 acres and have built more track and infrastructure every year without paying any out of pocket cost or raising dues for improvements, equipment and overhead. Our needs still exist

Birthday Parties are a great time to run trains for very appreciative passengers. You run the railroad 6 or 8 times in the morning and after lunch do it again. The easy access containers make it easy to get the train out. We hope to make signing up easier and securing a set date for the workers. The current situation of obtaining volunteers has been difficult. Please get qualified and sign up with Holly for your next birthday party.

The Board will be evaluating work hours for contributions to the Club and reviewing storage this month. Please remember all projects must be approved by the Board for qualification and quality control. Please remember the spring meet is an opportunity to have fun and camp, not to earn hours. Except for the responsible Board members and the birthday parties, this is a fun weekend not Club contributions. So have fun and enjoy your railroad safely.

We hope to make this a better Club, with a brighter future, with more trains, more fun on a well maintained railroad, preserving the hobby the best we can. So pitch in and enjoy the Railroad.



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



Terry* & Betty* Cummings, Eric Engle, Jim Ferguson, Mike* & Tim Getscher, Paul Hammond*, Joe*, Carolyn* & Nikki Hayes, Norm Jobse*, Gary Kimble, Ken Matassa*, Juanita Matassa*, Dan O’Brien, Kevin & Donna O’Connor, Larry Ogle*, Bill Pemberton, Jerry Platfoot. Bob Platfoot, Gary Sharp. Dixon Sheldon*, Mike Springer, Allen Stephens, Glenn Swain, Kevin, Jeff & Lori Tolan, Steve Trom*, Chuck Trom.

“*”signifies working both Saturday and Sunday.



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

Bill Pemberton, Jack Young,
Dennis Clair.

Spring Meet Road Closures

The OC Marathon will be held the morning of May 1 which is the final day of the OCME Spring Meet. Placentia will be closed to all traffic between 5:30 AM and 12:25 PM between Estancia HS and Adams. So here's how to get to Goat Hill:

From the north and west, take Brookhurst south to Hamilton and then east. Hamilton becomes Victoria. Turn north (left) on Placentia to the entrance. We have requested permission to enter from the south. Last year there was not a problem that I recall.

From the north and east, take the 55 south and exit at Victoria. Go west to Placentia and then north (right turn).

FYI Harbor Blvd and Fairview St will also be closed as will the Fair Drive exit from the 55.

Special note to some of us living closer: go west on Adams and south on Brookhurst and then east on Hamilton to Placentia.

SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

WORK DAY FUN

Pictured on this page having fun on a typical work day are Terry Cummings, Bob Osborne, Glenn Swain, Andrew Romer, Paul Hammond, Ken Matassa, Gary Dutra, Angela Dutra and the whole gang having lunch, which is provided every work day by the Board Secretary, Lori Tolan.

