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OCME's 2011 Spring Meet by Dixon Sheldon

The 10th annual Spring Meet was enjoyable for all who attended. We had good food including two potlucks a night of Mexican foods. Ruby's donated our lunches of hotdogs, hamburgers with buns. If you get a chance there is a new Ruby's in Orange in the old train station it has a 1 1/2 inch scale working engine over the counter.

Carroll Sheldon and Carolyn Hayes and Nicki Hayes had a craft station set up for the kids, who made some interesting items to take home with them. Chuckles did not get the rum balls however the kids did find the gold with the help of Russ Green's puzzle and map. We had all of the adults involved in finding the puzzle pieces, you had to be here to understand. Gary Dutra was in charge of the airport, we had quite a few flyers again this year.

Russ and Peggy Green brought up their family. I remember a little girl who helped with the puppet show, well she was here again but now is sixteen and she helped with the show and helped with the little ones so they could have fun too.

We had 15 steamers most of them were

from other clubs. There was one pair of engines that were remote controlled a little scary with no big people on them. I learned from one guest about a new style of "end of line device" he sent me the schematics so if anyone wants them let me know. Their club Chula Vista, like ours, is also working on automated switches with signal controls that are vandal proof and should be able to be seen in the middle of the day.

We had planned on four educational events this year, three of which went well. Sid Smith showed us how to braze metal, Bob Osborne explained how the switches are made, Terry Cummings and Mike Springer showed us how to re rail an engine. All of our engines have re railing devices on board.

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Kevin Tolan has resigned as OCME President. There is no President's message this month.

Lori Tolan has resigned as OCME Secretary. There is no "Splinters From The Board" this month.



Some of the magnificent trains brought from other clubs to our 2011 Spring Meet.

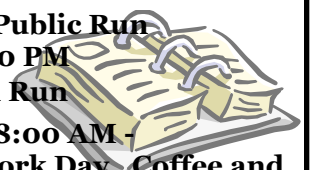
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June 4th. Sat.: General Meeting 8:00 AM - Club house followed by Work Day. Coffee and donuts at meeting -- Lunch at noon. Board Meeting 3:00 PM
June 11th. Sat. - Summertime Fun Run
June 18th. - 19th. : Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM
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