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## OCME's 20<sup>TH</sup> FALL MEET

We would like to invite everyone to our 20<sup>th</sup> Fall Meet. We plan on making this event better than the ones in the past.

We plan on improving the safety of our track for our guests. If we have strong winds like we had at the last meet we may be forced to shut down steam operations until the winds die down. Also we plan on having more volunteers to help with the jobs needed to make our guests feel more at home. We have learned by going to other clubs what we expect when we arrive at your clubs and we plan on providing these same items when you arrive. If you need anything special to make your stay more comfortable ask any member for assistance.

**The Fall Meet meals flyer is inside this Way Freight. Please fill it out and mail in by September 10, 2011. Thank you**

### ORANGE COUNTY MODEL ENGINEERS (OCME) FALL MEET

~ ~ 15 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2011 ~ ~

~ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ~

**Thursday – 15 Sept.** – Early Birds arrive and set up camp (dry camping only) and clean up and begin setting up for the weekend.

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# A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

## President Joe Hayes

The fall meet is almost here and we would like to have both the public and our guests enjoy the railroad with OCME. The track is in need of fine tuning to ensure smooth operation. We are trying to make the past problem track areas safer and more reliable. The added responsibility of making sure our guests can operate their equipment safely and smoothly while we conduct the public run days will require we have additional man power. Experience has shown us we need better than normal communications, and additional responsibilities, such as coordinating activities for the meet and crowd control - remember "crowd" - can be as little as one person in the wrong place at the wrong time. Please sign up to help us have a successful meet and public run together. If you have any problems with scheduling, availability, transportation, or other meet related problems, contact either Dixon Sheldon or myself, and we will do our best to resolve them.

Track issues are popping up more and more lately, Much of our main line is or has reached the end of its life cycle. We are trying to approach the problems with scheduling the areas in need of repair and/or replacement with a priority list based on condition and usage of the track, if you want to know more of the criteria we are using contact either Myron Peterson, Terry Cummings, or me. Panels need to be assembled for the replacement tracks. To ensure the different types of panels needed are constructed correctly, please get help from the members that are checked out on the current panel building processes.

We have two work trains made up for track maintenance, one work engine is housed in container B with ballast cars and tool cars. The second work train is housed in container C - the engine for the second train should be either the Santa Fe or the Chessie, and the work gondolas are stored on the center track.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**September 10th. Sat.: Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house. Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00 PM**  
**September 15th - 18th Thur. - Sun. OCME's 20th Fall Meet**  
**September 17th - 18th. : Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM**  
**October 1st. Sat.: Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house. Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00 PM**

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Terry has color coded the tools for each work train - please return the tools to the proper work train when you are through with them.

The club is growing. Patti Bray has joined us, along with her two children, Tyler and Mackenzie - they joined on the August run weekend. Please make them welcome.

There are radios in the store available for check out for train crew use, also whistles can be purchased suitable for our operations. Make sure all crews have the necessary equipment for safe operation, especially with public on board.

The newest addition to the OCME fleet of rolling stock is the “Number 2”, a “Generic Electric” locomotive from Plum Cove Studios. This locomotive has been purchased by our Club under the direction of last year’s Board of Directors, for use by members who do not own a locomotive. It will be available to members under the terms of a policy which is currently being drafted by the Board and will be published in the Way Freight upon completion.

Please welcome the “Deuce” to the club! (Or perhaps it should be called the “Juice”!)



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



Alex Acuña, Tyler Beach, Mel Bresee, Tyler Brett, Bob ,Brooks, Terry\* & Betty Cummings, Stefanie Drake\*, Eric Engle\*, Grant Greisman\*, Paul Hammond\*, Joe\* & Carolyn\* Hayes, Norm Jobse\*, Gary Kimble, Ken Matassa\*, Juanita Matassa\*, Dan O’Brien, Larry Ogle\*, Bill Pemberton\*, Bob Platfoot\*, Jerry Platfoot, Andy Romer, Gary Sharp, Dixon Sheldon\*, Mark Speer IV, Mike Springer\*, Lois Taube\*, Mark Tozer\*, Steve Trom\*, Chuck Trom, Nick Williams\*, Jack Young.

“\*”signifies working both Saturday and Sunday.



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

Not available at print time.

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**Friday – 16 Sept.** – Breakfast, early arrivals and set up continues, lunch will be available in the camping area for a minimal donation. Registration will continue, a safety & events meeting be in the afternoon, pot luck in the evening. A-L – Main Dish, M-S Salad's, T-Z Dessert. Those not bringing something to share are asked to contribute \$5.00 towards the dinner. How to use 2 way radios. Bingo tonight. Enjoy the Night Run (Flashlights/whistles/headlamp and rear (red) light a must), and No whistles after 8 PM please.

**Saturday – 17 Sept.** – Breakfast and arrivals continue – the registration table will close at 12 noon. If you arrive later, please ask for a registration packet from one of the volunteers. Classes for engineer will be given this morning in the clubhouse ask any OCME person for directions. A Safety meeting will be held before the Public Run which begins at 10 AM at the station. Visitors are encouraged to pull the public or at a minimum give way to the operational traffic when meandering around the layout. You will find lots of new 'stubs' and even a new siding to use. Remember to return switches to the position you found them in when diverting onto a stub or siding. Radios (Chl-9.25), sun screen, hats are necessary for good communications and your individual skin care. ☺ Lunch will be available in the camping area for a small donation. Children's craft activities will commence around 10 AM they are encouraged to join the fun. NewPort Rib Company will serve dinner around 5:30 PM for a nominal donation **see insert** in this issue of the Way Freight and a five piece band will on hand for your enjoyment. A raffle and bingo will follow dinner ~ get your tickets early and often!! ☺ Mike Springer will be presenting a safety demonstration on the big screen. Night Run begins after dinner, once again (Flashlights/whistles/headlamp and rear (red) light a must), no whistles after 8 PM please.

**Sunday – 18 Sept.** - Breakfast and reverse trains. A Safety meeting will be held before the Public Run which begins at 10 AM at the station. Once again, visitors are encouraged to pull the public or give way to operational traffic. Leftovers for lunch and begin cleaning up as we start to wind down from our Fall Meet. Public Run day is over at 3 PM and we'll try to secure the compound and grounds before 5 PM.

**Thank you all for coming.**

**Drive safely on your way to and from this wonderful railroading event.**

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### **General Meeting/Work Day Change**

When you come to the work day for September, which will be September 10 due to Labor Day holiday weekend, please sign up for 4 hour shifts on the white board in the clubhouse. There will be someone wandering around the compound during your shift to relive you or give you a break, so please fill up the empty slots.

WE had good feedback from the sandwiches we purchased last month so we are planning to get them again plus a few from Subway for those who prefer them. Also we plan on having the general meeting at lunch so if you can make it please do. I heard Dixon may have a preview desert to try for the Pumpkin run. We will be working with the Kiwanis Club again this year and they plan on more surprises. Come out and see what happening with the Club and enjoy a nice lunch and a good work day.