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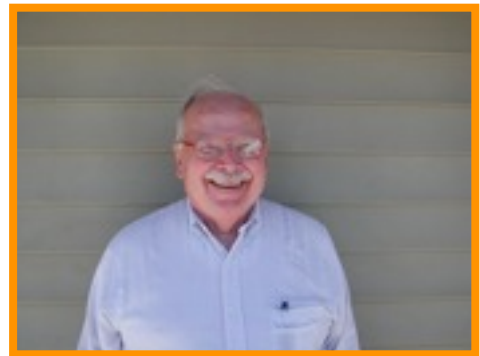
In Memory of . . .

During the month of September OCME lost 2 of our beloved members. Dick Zeleznikar (upper picture) passed away on September 7th and Lee Weaver (with his wife Sandra in the lower picture) passed away on September 15th.

Lee was, for many years, the Club's birthday party organizer and one of the crew members. He was the Treasurer of our Board for 4 years. In addition to those duties he was also the Makerel Flats Mercantile manager. Lee, like all his successors at the store, was always there bright and early with coffee and doughnuts. When Lee knew he had too many things going at the same time, he asked Dick to take over the birthday parties.

Dick thrived in that role. He loved the children who were having a birthday party. He thought of them as his surrogate grand children. For 5 years he coordinated every party and he and Norm Jobse were the birthday crew at every party.

OCME MISSES YOU TWO



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A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

President Joe Hayes

OCME needs more member participation in track maintenance, birthday parties staffing, public run day participation increased. We have been trying to tackle the problems we have with fewer active people than ever before. This is our hobby, but no one should feel obligated to perform tasks against their will. We try to tap the talents of our members, but just because they know how to do something, doesn't mean they like doing it. If you feel you can help the Club in any additional way, please contact, not just Board members, but any other members just to get their ideas. Make an effort to come to the Club to enjoy the company of other members working and playing in our hobby. Sometimes the "work" we do is little more than BS sessions, but, not always.

We did not have a big Fall Meet this year, due mostly to the low effort by the Club. The call for people to volunteer was mostly ignored. The people that came to the meet were surprised by the low turnout of guests, but enjoyed the activities and the hospitality of our Club. The new younger members were a great help throughout the meet and were especially appreciated during the public run.

The Board would like to implement a written set of policies, mainly because of the recent problems with improper use of equipment at the Club. The lack of clear guidelines indicated we need to be more clear and we would like input from all members to ensure the policies truly reflect what the membership wants. Please take the time to either write down your thoughts on the way you feel the Club should be used, or any ideas for the policies. Pass your ideas to any Board member. Please keep the comments civil, remember general regulation 701 - courteous, considerate conduct is required of all members at all times.

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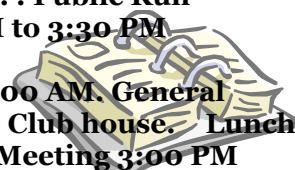
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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1st. Sat.: Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house. Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00 PM

October 15th. - 16th. : Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

November 5th. 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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**“I’ve been workin’ on the railroad”
in September**



Alex Acuña*, Brenton Baker & Tim Baker (From Chula Vista Live Steamers), Dave Bowen, Kyle Cascadden, Terry* & Betty* Cummings, Connor Dahl, Eric Engle*, Russ Green*, Grant Greiselman*, Joe* & Carolyn* Hayes, Raymond*, Cherron* & Daniel Hill, norm Jobse*, Jim Marsden, Derek Marsden, Hannah Marsden, Ken Matassa*, Juanita Matassa*, Doug* & Bailey* Maywald, Danny Mouawad, Dan O’Brien, James Partee, Bill Pemberton, Bob Platfoot*, Jerry Platfoot*, Evan Poe*, Andy Romer*, Gary Sharp, Dixon Sheldon*, Mark Speer IV, Mile Springer, Lois Taube, Mark Tozer*, Steve & Janet Trom, Chuck Trom, Nick Williams*, Jack Young.

“*”signifies working both Saturday and Sunday.

**SECOND ANNUAL PUMPKIN
PATCH RUN**

Everyone bring a costume for the 23rd of Oct. 2011 for the Pumpkin Run. We will be camping out this weekend Oct.20th -23rd 2011. Claire has a nice schedule of events she is working on (See Page 4). We plan on having a special fun run Saturday after the birthday parties. If you attended the last run, the route should be better this year. It should make it look like we are running bi-directional again. We will have camping, potlucks, fun, and lots of kids, the Kiwanis will be on hand. WE need all the volunteers we can get to make this a special weekend for the kids. So, if you came out last year please come out again. Patrick is designing the t-shirts again. We sold out last year so get yours early. The cost is \$10. 00. There will be a limited supply. All ghosts are welcome and bring your own goblins. See you at the track. Oh “Stumpy” is missing a foot. If someone finds it please return it to “Stumpy” a t Ghost Hill Junction near the trestle.



Thomas E. Gazsi

was sworn in as the newest Police Chief for the City of Costa Mesa on September 6th in a ceremony attended by his friends and co-workers from his many years in police work. Tom was a member of the Newport Beach Police Department for more than 30 years.

Tom was sworn into office by the Costa Mesa City Clerk Julie Folcik and then the traditional “badge pinning” ceremony took place. His wife Kimberly and their youngest daughter Kathryn pinned on Chief Gazsi’s badge and their 2 middle daughters, Kesli and Kayla pinned on his stars on his collar.

Chief Gazsi in his remarks mentioned the Orange County Model Engineers and we at OCME are very thankful for that recognition and wish Tom the very best in the future.

Memorial Service for Lee Weaver

Lee Weaver's memorial service will take place on Saturday November 12th at the Elk's Lodge in Show Low, AZ. The address is 805 E. Whipple and their telephone number is 1-928-537-4901. This memorial service will take place at 2PM and there will be a potluck supper following this service.



ORANGE COUNTY MODEL ENGINEERS

PUMPKIN RUN

October 20-23, 2011

Thursday-20 October- "Early Birds" arrive and set up camp (dry camping only), clean up, and begin setting up for the weekend. Lunch: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs on the grill. Dinner together at Acapulco.

Friday-21 October- Lunch: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs. Evening potluck (bring your own meat). A-L Dessert, M-S Main Dish, T-Z Salads. Those not bringing something to share are asked to contribute \$5.00 towards the dinner. After-dinner Bingo. Night "spooky" run (no whistles after 8 PM). **Flashlights/whistles/headlamp and rear (red) light a must.**

Saturday-22 October- Dinner: Evening potluck. A-P Main Dish, Q-Z Salads. Dessert Cook-off!! (Prize supplied by Russ Green). Feeling lucky? After dinner Bingo! Feeling even luckier? Night run & "Showing Off" Contest!! 2 Winners: Farthest & Most Accurate. **Flashlights/whistles/headlamp and rear (red) light a must.**

Sunday- 23 October- Pumpkin run! 10 AM-2 PM. Public is invited to enjoy a pumpkin harvest fair put on by the Kiwanis. Possible face painting, games, and Halloween decorations. Pumpkins given with a suggested donation of \$2-\$3. Dinner: Leftovers, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs; Pork & Beans.