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### **In Memory of . . .**



**Marilyn Donnelly** who passed away on March 23, 2012 was a Life member of OCME having joined our Club with her late husband Bob in June of 1990. Marilyn was one of the Club's original "Harvey Girls" working in the Mackerel Flats Mercantile. One of the experiences she enjoyed at OCME was, as she put it, "I love watching the joy of the children who ride the trains."

In addition to OCME Marilyn enjoyed playing bridge. Another of her other loves was music of all kinds and she loved going to the Performing Arts Center here in Costa Mesa.

### **OCME Upcoming Events for April and May**

Our Spring Meet is just around the corner. Chuckles is planning on a great puppet show and is looking for all members to help out. This year he is looking for his rum ball stash which will be hidden somewhere on the property.

The run day will be very busy this month. Sunday we are hosting Fire Pumpers, (see page 4 for more information). The following weekend is our 12th annual Spring Meet. Mark Speer IV has some new surprises. He is looking for our support to pull the Meet off. We will have potlucks, food, fun and who knows maybe something to remember forever. At past Spring Meets some of us were lucky enough to be at the right place at the right time. We were able to see the Space Shuttle, the Harvest moon some of the planets using the Dutra's telescope. Some also flew their first glider, so come out and enjoy this event.

We will need lots of help on the work day, April 7th cleaning under the trees, laying out mulch for the camp area, checking supplies and getting everything ready.

May is just around the corner and we have planned another "Work Camp Out Weekend."

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# A FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

BY

## President Joe Hayes

Every Saturday is a work day. Our Club recognizes the first Saturday as an official work day because we hold the monthly Club membership meeting during that day. This hopefully gets more members to come to the meeting and another purpose or reason to be at the Club than just the meeting. We also provide lunch as an additional incentive. If anyone has a suggestion for improving our work/meeting arrangement please contact any Board member.

Wednesday is a work day for many people, not just senior citizen members. Usually there are about six to ten members that participate. The number varies depending on many factors. I have found that it is best to keep in touch with the regular attendees for better productive and enjoyable work parties.

If you feel another time is more appropriate for getting together at the Club please let me know, maybe there are others with schedules that match with yours. We do not want to discourage any reasonable thoughts on the matter.

The Club needs more help with the planning, coordinating, and executing special events starting with the Fire Truck Demonstration, which will held on Run Day in April and continuing through until December's Christmas events. Contact Dixon for details.

Dear OCME,

I just wanted to say thank you for the fun time we had riding the trains yesterday. We were celebrating my son Brady's 4th birthday. The facility was so clean and well maintained, but the trains were the star of the day! The kids loved going again and again while enjoying the music from the party caboose!

My husband and I were very impressed with Mark and Nick. They were both so professional and helpful and are wonderful ambassadors for OCME. They were great at keeping everyone safe while still making it fun for the kids and made Brady feel special. It was a wonderful morning!

Thanks, too to Betty who was very helpful and made it easy to set up the party.  
Gratefully, Karin Mack.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 7th. Sat.: Work Day 8:00 AM. General Meeting 12:00 PM - Club house. Lunch at meeting. Board Meeting 3:00 PM**  
**April 21st. - 22nd.: Sat. & Sun. : Public Run Weekend 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM**  
**April 22nd. Sun.: 2012 Spring Pump-In (See Page 4)**  
**April 26th. - 29th., OCME's Spring Meet**  
**May 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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We will never forget the first one which Ronald Blanchard worked so hard on. Everyone who attended this got a workout and we still see the results.

This year we plan on laying large sections of track. Everyone has been helping prepare for this event. We have been cutting, drilling, bending and assembling track panels.

Almost forgot the food this year. We are planning on a "Pork and Beans" contest for Saturday night of the Spring Meet, April 28<sup>th</sup>. All day Sunday we plan on a fun run on the new rails we worked on. And the leftovers from Saturday night will be for lunch on Sunday.

So mark your calendars for these events.

Dixon & Chuckles



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



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Dave Bowen, Bob Brooks, Joe Hayes, Mark Johnson, Norm Jobse, Ken Matassa, Larry Ogle, Bill Pemberton, Alex Posa, Gary Sharp, Dixon Sheldon, , Mike Springer, Steve Trom.

"\*"signifies working both Saturday and Sunday.

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

Nick Williams, Mark Tozer,  
Raymond Hill, Ron Blanchard,  
Larry Ogle.

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## **Safety Tips of the Month**

☑ Our shop is ours. If you use something put it back where it belongs, if you do not know where it goes ask, or place it in the return area. This way if someone is looking for it, they only have to look in two places.

☑ Take the extra time to do a good job, use the proper safety items such as **gloves** and **eye protection**.

☑ Make sure you always have a working radio which is tuned to channel 9.25. My dad forgot his and sure enough several people could not talk to him.

☑ Before each run there will be a safety briefing at 0945. Make sure to be there if you are an engineer or conductor. Please sign the sign in sheet located at the back window to the Mackerel Flats Mercantile.

☑ If you are making up a train in the Skinner yard, come up for the meeting then return to your trains.

☑ If you see a situation on the track tell the station master ( the guy or gal in the station) by radio or in person so the item may be addressed.

☑ We are working on bins for each engine to store membership applications. We may have some new members just because we took the extra effort to give them an application. These bins will be in the riding cars soon. If you want a bin for your engine ask Dixon. **Note: Membership applications forms, along with the applicant's check should always be sent to the Club's Post Office mail box to ensure proper processing.**

☑ We have first aid kits in each Club engine. If there is a situation where a rider needs a bandage you may give them one. **Do not apply it unless you are First Aid Certified.** Guess which one of our members is a certified instructor and is willing to give a class soon for our members. We will keep you posted.

☑ Special note, I am looking for a jar of rum balls I hid last year please return them to me thank you.

Chuckles

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### **OCME's Annual Boiler Check**

We had a good turn out for the annual boiler check and inspections. Just a note: those who were not able to come out during this event- you need to have a current boiler inspection within the year to run on the tracks. **Make sure your inspection is up to date.** Dixon Sheldon VP Facilities OCME



Darrell Gilbert, one of our newest members, who was responsible for the Kristie's run last month will be hosting another great show at Goat Hill Junction on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This show is called the **2012 Spring Pump-In**.

**Here is the tentative schedule:**

**08:45 AM** Donuts and Coffee for the Railroad and the Fire guys we will have 14 dozen donuts and 5 gallons of Coffee

**09:00-10:00 AM** Trucks Arrive

**10:00 AM** Fire Trucks will be open to the Public

**10:45 AM** Costa Mesa Fire Explores Start to do games with the Kids such as a Bucket Brigade and Hose Drag

**12:00 PM** Costa Mesa Police Department will put on a Code 3 parade.

**12:20 PM** Awards. A scholarship will be given to a Costa Mesa Fire Explorer

**12:30 PM** Lunch. Great Mex bring Mexican food for the Train and Fire guys.

**1:45 PM** Water pumping demonstration. We plan on spraying 4000 gallons of water from Monitors and Tele Squirts.

**2:00 PM** Trucks start packing it up they will leave Code 3

This **Pump-In** has been going on for 20 years at the Orange Empire Museum in Perris. Since 2008 with the price of diesel going up the trucks that show up have been going down to the point that last year the **Pump-In** didn't go off at all. Hopefully being closer this will bring it back to life. So far we have 8 confirmed trucks showing up. They are coming from Redlands to the east, San Diego to the South and Castaic from the North. The Costa Mesa Fire Explores will be helping out and selling Hot Dog to the General Public.

Kristie's Foundation has been invited to bring their families. These kids are extremely ill but they still like what all kids like - Trains and Fire Trucks.

We hope to make this a event for the whole family and a huge draw for the Goat Hill Trains.

