



The Mountain GAZETTE



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FROM THE EDITOR



Can it be June already? With all the activities during the month of May the time is just flying by. Let's see - there was the snowy Narrow Gauge Meet, also we had the First Work Week and Meet for 2010. During all this, the summer volunteers started arriving to get us ready for yet another great Train Mountain season.

The Narrow Gauge Meet for 2010 was bigger and colder than last year's great event. Even with the fuel restrictions for running up north the narrow gauge steamers seemed to have a great time. There were some 125 plus folks attending. Love dem big steamers!

The opening work week and meet was also well attended and we had a little better weather although it was a little on the wet side for a couple of days. During the work week Lee Breuer completed some more cars for the Pine Mountain Express (pine needle pickup cars) and they were immediately pressed into service. As of this writing most of the track on the south end has been raked and quite a few of the piles have been picked up.

On Friday of the Meet we had a Remembrance ceremony for Ron Young. The carpentry shop located near Central Station was formally dedicated as the "Ron Young Carpentry Shop". Caroline was there for the presentations, along with their sons and daughters some of whom came all the way from Alaska to take part in the ceremony.

This work week also saw a major transformation. That Santa Fe caboose located on the west side of the main gate got totally repainted and it looks absolutely wonderful. What a great job. Duane and Pat Kaasa steam cleaned, primed, painted, lettered, and completely detailed out the caboose. WOW! What a lot of work but the result is just terrific, well done!

Next up is the always entertaining Operations Meet. The purpose of this meet is to attempt to operate our railroad in a more prototypical manner. You don't need any special experience to be a participant, but if you do have some experience this year's event has some extra surprises planned. The group that oversees this event started planning almost immediately after last year's event. They are always looking for new and different things to add to the mix. The event this year should see more of the same from this very dedicated group. Please see the Operations Meet article in this issue.

There is now a member dinner just about every night of the work week and meet. Please see the schedule in this issue. Remember to sign up for the dinners you wish to attend upon your arrival. The sign up sheets are located in the front office.

The Klamath and Western group has a new K&W Diner located at the north end of the Vendor Marketplace and will be open everyday of the work week and meet. They will be serving lunch from 11 to 3 each day except the two Sundays.



Lastly the Chiloquilters Quilt Show will be going on during the Saturday and Sunday of the meet. Train Mountain will be providing a shuttle so PLEASE sign up at the front office.

Russ Wood, Co-editor

FROM THE MANAGER



I'm running around today thinking here it is the second week of June and it is 44 degrees-what's wrong with this picture! Ya, I know. I'll be complaining next month when it's 90, at least I hope I will be. Long range weather looks promising, so remember to be prepared when you come for the Operations Meet. Bring your sunscreen even though the government isn't sure whether it works or not and bring lots of water.

The Spring Meet was a lot of fun this year. Even though it was cold most of the time with gray rainy skies it was still a wonderful event. We had many jobs going and most were finished;

some, because of equipment failure (or was that operator error?) took a little longer than expected - HUH JOE! This was a smaller meet than usual which makes it more personal and I get to spend more quality time with all you great folks.

When you come to Train mountain next time pay close attention to the main entrance. We have a nice looking red cabooses marking our entrance, thanks to Pat and Duane Kaasa. Yes, they had some help but this was their baby, which they handled with great precision. They came up with CNC Stencils for the lettering which was copied from photos and the paint matches are wonderful. These folks hauled all the ladders, scaffolding, generator, air compressor, paint equipment and on and on from their home in Washington and were an inspiration to watch in action. Duane has earned the coveted title of TM's own "Red Man" because as he painted the red car he turned red himself! Thank you guys for the great job and making us look better for the world to see. The Kaasa's are considering painting the BN Cabooses next year, but they need you to pledge your dollars to the project by contacting Duane [dkaasa@applecapital.net] with your pledge and help them fund the next one.



Operations Meet is looking like a great event with some new twists I am told. Things like a 4th of July Dance, maybe a poker run and a professional style passenger service promise to make this an incredible event. With the Armstrong and Knight Team at the controls it will be well organized and great fun. I haven't heard if those Reiter Girls are helping again but if they do it will be even better. Hope to see you all at the meet.

I have a lot of folks to say thank you to as always, too many to name all of you. I have been asked many times what can be done to help me keep things working and maintained; well, I asked for tools and you came through. Even UPS delivered tools from you. Taking this idea to the next

level I began receiving gift cards from Home Depot which makes accounting easy, you don't have to pay shipping or packaging, and I pick out what we are used to using. That works very well. Thank you for all you give to keep Train Mountain functioning and progressing.

A **big thank you** goes to all of you that have become advisors of sorts; you're always very helpful and willing to share your experience. With over 15 years doing this, I have come to know many great people with much more experience than I and I have never been turned away when I ask for your opinions and advice. Thank you to all of you.

I am told by Greg that once the tax filings are done soon things will become better so during this period of stress and uncertainty please hang in there and show your support. You know it gets pretty lonely over the winter here and when you come in the summer it tends to make it all worthwhile. I think that's why Sundays are always sad - you're leaving to go home till the next time we meet.

Talk to you soon

Ross Perrin, General Manager

THE TENDER HALF

I truly love it when Spring arrives and we start having people. It was great to see everyone at the Narrow Gauge meet and I especially want to thank Holly, Roz and Becca for pitching in. You girls are great! There were plenty of helpers at the June Meet as well: Pat Wolf, Marilyn, Bev, Pat Kaasa, Jeanne, Joyce and Carolyn. John Kelso and Gene Flanders worked diligently to put together a cabinet that is now available in the store with nuts, bolts & glass tubing to enable you to make small repairs while you're here and get you back out on the track. My sincerest appreciation to all of you!!!

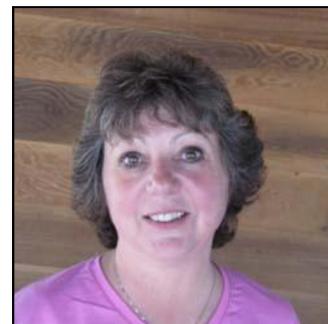
Seth Abrahams has also been busy. He's been working with Accucraft and has arranged for Train Mountain to benefit from any sale of one of their new ride on switch engines ordered through us. To see the specifications and features you may go to our web-



site: www.trainmountainstore.com and scroll the categories to "Accucraft Ride-On". Seth is also willing to bring any purchased engine to Train Mountain, when he

comes... that might help someone save on shipping as well.

Chris & Michelle Kuehl are taking their cross country trip soon and although she told me that they have already worked in 6 or 7 railroads into their itinerary, there's still time to send any "must see" suggestions to me to pass along.



The other day we had some visitors from Wenatchee, WA, who were on their way to Portolo. I had the best time showing them around; believe me, they took it all in. To top off their visit Bev and Joel Blenkinsop gave them a ride. They were so taken with Train Mountain that I think they may have coined a new phrase in regards to our reputationtheir comment was: "this takes fun to a whole new level". Yep, I have to agree.

At the June meet we saw some pretty impressive creations made from pine needles and cones from Mort Ediger and Sara Ackerman. Mort has offered to share her secrets and will be giving a lesson Wednesday, June 30th at 1:00 on how to make baskets with our very own Train Mountain pine needles. There will be a \$5 fee for supplies ...obviously things other than the needles, I believe they are readily available. If you are planning to join us, please email me, so that we can have enough kits ready: store@trainmountain.org.

I hope many of you are coming to the Operations Meet (work week begins June 26). We are planning some extra activities so everyone will have an especially good time. We're going to have a 4th of July Potluck at 3:00 p.m. and Dale & Veronica Taylor are bringing their sound equipment so that we can have a dance and maybe some karaoke; a silent auction; our Chiloquilters will be meeting on Thursday as usual; Mort's pine needle weaving class will be Wednesday; bring your musical instruments....we might possibly have enough

interest to do a little jamming and we're thinking of having a poker run. Sounds like you'll want to be there!!!!

Hope to see everyone here soon.

TTFN,

Kay Perrin

OPERATIONS MEET 2010

June 2010 Ops Meet – Julie Knight

We are making all the last minute adjustments for this year's Ops Meet and from what Alma says we are going to have a very well attended meet this year!! We will stay with our limited Freight Operator hours and paper car-move confirmations to help keep the radio traffic down – this all seemed to work well last year. New for this year will be “virtual passengers” - which sounds like it will really spice up our Passenger Trains and make them more than just sticking to a schedule (and getting in the way of the freight trains). John Lovely will make sure we know all the ins and outs of this fun new way to play Ops. Another new activity will be a two man, timed, controlled switching contest to see how good your Ops skills are. The Switching Game will be using the special tracks near the Klamath & Western / Train Mountain main junction and is a team event (you were always wondering what those small switches and tracks were for). You will need an engineer and a switchman for the game – all equipment is provided. Each team will make a pass at the switching puzzle and then swap positions and do it again for a combined time. Russ Wood is making the rolling stock available and will have all the details for this event. We will have sign up sheets for time slots on both Friday and Saturday. Sounds like fun!!



We always have great help in getting the cars sorted and placed before the meet and again getting the cars back in on Sunday – and I want to thank you in advance for this because it makes our job so much easier knowing that we have an abundance of help on those days. On the other hand PLEASE make sure you set aside an hour or two on Friday or Saturday to volunteer to be a part of our dispatch team. We are always short volunteers for Dispatch, and it is one job we would hate to see go by the wayside – I feel it really gives the Ops meet its personality. It is not hard and we would like to start a new motto – Many “mouths” make light work!! We are looking forward to a great week and a super fun Ops weekend. See you there!!!

Julie

SPECIAL NOTE: The Klamath and Western club will have their K & W Diner, located at the trailer at the north end of the Vendor Marketplace, open for lunch 11 to 3 each day of the work week and Operations Meet except Sundays. You must have your badge on to get served, no exceptions.

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G-VILLE NEWS



We are so thankful for all the help we've received at G-Ville as our third season begins. Big thank yous go to Carolyn Steuer for raking and weeding paths and helping Bill pull out Bitter Brush. And to Bill Shepherd for bringing his tractor & wagon and pulling, loading and disposing of all the Bitter Brush from Midway Circle. He and Carolyn spent 5 hours on this job. The area looks sooo much better. Also Bill and Carolyn donated 24 plants to beautify Midway. To Kay and Ross Perrin and Gordy Pisle for donating more solar lights to brighten the paths. To Al Taylor for scooping out dirt with his tractor for the steaming bay and the train yard and many thanks to Carol Lanctot for designing our flyers and business cards for Midway Garden Railway.

We are also very grateful for the container that showed up at G-Ville. We were rapidly outgrowing the lil' G-Shack. Now we have lots of room to store "stuff". What a blessing!

G-Ville is on the tour list for the National Garden Railway Convention which will be held in Tacoma this year. Our layout will be open to the public the last week in July and the first two weeks in August so the convention goers can stop by anytime before, during, and after the convention.

G-Ville will be one of the features of "Community Railroad Day" Aug. 7th. Our hope is that Midway Garden Railway will pique more interest in Train Mountain and enhance membership.

There is much work to be done to get G-Ville ready for inspection. Of course, raking pine needles is a constant there as it is on the rest of the Mountain. We can also use help in weeding walkways, setting up buildings and dioramas, cleaning the creek and pond, etc.

Remember G-Ville is for Train Mountain members so bring your trains and come play. Of course, we would hope that all those that want to play would donate to the cause by way of labor or stuff or dollars. We need lots of track to keep expanding so all donations are greatly appreciated

We're looking forward to a great summer.

Dennis & Mort Ediger

BITS & PIECES

Birthday wishes for this issue go out to Peg Schubert, Lee Brooks, Bill Dobbs, Louise Balf, Richard Cox, Charlie Schubert, Dave Kelley and to all our other members and friends who will be celebrating another year of life during the next 30 days. Wow! July is a busy birthday month!

Don't forget the 4th of July Potluck—3:00 p.m. at Train Mountain. There won't be any fireworks this year because none of us want to see Ross go to jail. It would become really obvious how much we need him if he wasn't there!

We aren't including the List of Projects because during summer months we have so many people coming and going and working on things while they're here, it's impossible to keep it up. The projects needing attention will be listed on the White Board in the Hall of Flags when you arrive for work weeks.

Don't forget to pencil in August 7 on your calendar. That's "Community Railroad Day" at Train Mountain. If you have more than just that day to spare, please email Event@TrainMountain.org—more help is always appreciated!

Enjoy your lives; it's the only one you get.

Carol



Kurt and Greg Petersen with Russ Wood—wouldn't you love to hear that tale!

Top right: Bob Wolf, Joe Mayer & Duane Kaasa

Lower right: Bob Wolf & Duane Kaasa
Job Completed!



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Operations Meet Banquet

Saturday, July 3, 2010

Grilled Chicken Breast **OR** Country Pork Ribs
Rice Pilaf and Ranch-Style Beans
Corn on the Cob
Cornbread w/Honey Butter
Fresh Fruit Salad
Berry Crisp

August Meet Banquet

Saturday, August 14, 2010

Roasted Chicken **OR** Pork Cutlets
Potatoes Au gratin
Fresh Spinach Salad w/strawberries and Strawberry Vinaigrette
Steamed Vegetables
Garlic bread
Brownie w/Cream Cheese and Strawberries

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OPERATIONS MEET of 2010 SCHEDULE

The who, the what, and the where!

Sat, June 26th	9:00 AM	Begin Work Week, which runs through Thursday, July 1st at 4:30 PM
Sat, June 26th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers who arrive early for Work Week. Host: Sharon Breen Location Central Station.
Sat, June 26th	10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Quilt Show, Community Center Chiloquin.. Shuttle Bus provided by Train Mountain sign up in the front office
Sun, June 27th	10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Quilt Show, Community Center Chiloquin.. Shuttle Bus provided by Train Mountain sign up in the front office
Sun, June 27th	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides
Sun, June 27th	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Hosts Barbara and Dennis Ward— SEE NOTES.
Mon, June 28th	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Hosts: Mort and Dennis Ediger Location Central Station - SEE NOTES.
Tues, June 29th	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Hosts John and Cynthia Lovely— SEE NOTES.
Wed, June 30th	1:00 pm	Pine needle weaving class by Mort Ediger
Wed, June 30th	3:00 pm	Chiloquin Railroad Day Meeting Hall of Flags – All members welcome
Wed, June 30th	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Hosts Russ and Linda Wood— SEE NOTES.
Thurs, July 1 st	1:00 to 4:00 pm	Chiloquilters. Sewers / Crafters will meet in Central Station, show and tell, beginners welcome- SEE NOTES.
Thurs, July 1st	4:00 pm	Work Week ends
Thurs, July 1st	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Host Bert Newberry- SEE NOTES.
Fri, July 2 nd	9:00 AM	2010 Operations Meet begins, which runs through Sunday.
Sat, July 3 rd	6:00 PM	Train Mountain Banquet, held at Central Station, reservations available online on meet registration form, www.TrainMountain.org or 541-783-3030. See menu on page 6
Sun, Jul 4th	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides
Sun, July 4 th	3:00 PM	Train Mountain Potluck Dinner
Sun, July 4 th	4:00 PM	The 2010 Operations Meet ends.

The listed volunteer dinners/events are provided by and funded by local members. You will be guests in their homes, please act accordingly. Help the Hosts and Hostesses by signing up for those dinners you wish to attend. These nice folks need to know how many are coming! Sign up in the Central Station on clipboard located near the Information Board as soon as you arrive. Train Mountain is also providing a shuttle for transport to these off campus dinners. Please sign up at the front office for this service.

Dennis and Barbara Ward will be hosting a dinner **6:00 Sunday evening**. The dinner will be located at their new home just a short distance from Train Mountain. Directions are available at the office.

Dennis and 'Mort' Ediger will be hosting a dinner **6:00 Monday evening**. It will be located at Central Station.

John and Cynthia Lovely will be hosting a taco dinner **6:00 Tuesday evening**. It will be located at Central Station.

Russ and Linda Wood will be hosting Pizza and Beer **6:00 pm Wednesday evening**. If you are going to be running at Train Mountain please keep your consumption directed towards the pizza and not the beer! Their home is located a short distance from Train Mountain. Directions are available at the office.

The Chiloquilters will hold a special **Thursday 1:00 pm Sewing Social** at each of the Train Mountain work weeks. They will meet in the Central Station from **1:00 to 4:00 pm**. This is not just for quilters, this is for all kinds of sewing, needlework, crafts, etc. Whatever projects you are working on, please bring them for show and tell.

Bert Newberry will be hosting a 'cook it yourself' hot dog/hamburger barbecue **6:00 p.m. Thursday evening** at his home, a very short drive from Train Mountain. Directions are available at the office

Potluck Dinner hosted by Train Mountain **3:00 Sunday, July 4**. It will be located at Central Station.

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2010 WORK WEEK AND TRAIN MEET SCHEDULE

Polar Bear Train Meet

Friday, January 15—Sunday, January 17, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

****NARROW GAUGE WORK WEEK****

Monday May 10—Thursday, May 13, 2010

Narrow Gauge Train Meet

Friday, May 14—Sunday, May 16, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

June Work Week

Saturday, May 29—Thursday, June 3, 2010

June Train Meet

Friday, June 4—Sunday, June 6, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

Operations Meet Work Week (formerly July Meet)

Saturday, June 26—Thursday, July 1, 2010

Operations Meet

Friday, July 2—Sunday July 4, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

August Meet Work Week

Saturday, August 7—Thursday, August 12, 2010

August Meet

Friday, August 13—Sunday, August 15, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

September Work Week

Saturday, Sept. 4—Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010

September Train Meet

Friday, Sept 10—Sunday, Sept 12, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

Fall Colors Train Meet

Friday, October 8—Sunday, October 10, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)