



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

**Thank you** to everyone who worked to make the Community Railroad Day a safe, happy day for visitors. I do believe all were surprised and pleased by all that they found!

My Appreciation,  
*Sharon*

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## FROM THE EDITOR



**One of the real joys** of being so closely tied to Train Mountain and all of its magic is the dealings with the wonderful gang of friends we all call 'Members'. The Holiday Express event spawned an idea that we should try a similar event during the better weather of our regular summer run season. We had a couple of meetings discussing what the event should 'look like'. After all the Holiday Express was kind of a no brainer, what with the North Pole, snow, and, of course, Santa Claus. The decision was that we would have an event that was open to the public. We would invite in the local community to be participants as either vendors or just exhibitors. We would add to the event such extra fun items as a horse-drawn wagon ride, a mini car show, food vendors, even a Popsicle vendor! We then

needed to name the event. Since the event is all about the public and our local community we decided to call the event the Community Railroad Day. Aren't we clever?! Next came the planning of the event in terms of resources required. How many trains, how many train crews, first aid, porta-potties, and all the support staff such an undertaking requires. In the last issue of the Mountain Gazette, the call went out to you members to please come and help. I've used the word Wow before but Wow! you folks came through! Carol printed up 80 staff badges for the event. We ran out, so she printed another 30! We asked



for those of you willing to haul the public to bring your trains and give us a hand. We had 12 to 14 trains running all day long. We all had safety vests on and everywhere one looked you saw a vest. It was just wonderful. When we ran for the Holiday Express, we made the short journey from Six Acres to Central Station and back. For this event, we ran some 20 to 25 minutes down to Midway Circle and let our passengers off to see the new attraction called the Midway Circle Garden Railroad. At Midway they could also take a horse-drawn wagon ride, or even grab a taco or two. They could then re-board another train and take a 20 to 25 minute train back up to Central Station. Upon arrival at Central Station they could enjoy the vendors, or the gift shop,

or the mini car show, or grab a great burger at the K & W Diner. Not a bad day's entertainment for \$5. We had a great test run just the week before because of the National Garden Railroad Convention up in Tacoma. We were listed in their program as a great place to visit on your way up to the convention. Our official day for them was on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We also had an article in the local Herald and News newspaper and they said we were open to the public. So we ended up with over 100 G-Scalers and another 150 or so public. We learned a lot from that test day and that made the big event even better. Bottom line, we had another very successful event that allowed the public to learn more about Train Mountain and our hobby. Thanks to all of you for such a strong showing of support for Train Mountain. What a great gang of friends!

**As this is being written**, we are in the middle of the August work week, and, although this is traditionally our smallest work week/meet, we are doing lots of those pesky jobs that have been on the white board for several months. The track is getting some much needed tune up and overall the place is looking pretty good. The steaming bay at the Garden Railroad is nearing completion and is almost ready for the installation of track! Weeding is going on all over the park. Peggy was seen without a rake in her hand; instead she had a shovel and was digging up the very tall weeds along the Highway 97 firewood wall! Good job Peggy.

**Next up is traditionally** our biggest work week/meet of the year. This year, we have a special task that needs to be accomplished during this event. We need to repair and get fully operational all of the water systems on the south side of the road. This is a requirement of our fire protection system. We have done some preliminary things, such as cleaning out some of the control boxes and other related items. During the September work week, we need to complete these tasks and be able to run the complete system. This will not be an easy task, as the system covers many acres of land and hundreds of connections. If we take on the task like we have all other requests, we should be able to get this accomplished. However, just as with every work week, when you check in please take a peek at the white board in Central Station for a complete list of tasks that Ross has listed for us to accomplish.

**This has been a great** running season and I've enjoyed seeing all of you having so much fun at Train Mountain. Please spread the word about how much is going on here and how much fun it is to be here. Bring a friend on your next visit and add to the ever growing family of friends that call Train Mountain home. Remember, we are not just 7 ½ inch scale anymore with our growing G Scale railroad down at Midway Circle.

Russ Wood, Co-editor

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## FROM THE MANAGER

**Wow, we have been busy!** Since the biggest Operations Meet ever we have had riders almost daily, the National Garden Railroad Convention had folks stopping in on their way north to see the Garden Railroad at Midway Circle and the first Train Mountain Community Railroad Day. Not to mention the Panziks gathering many more pieces of railroad history including box cars, wheel sets, scales, car jacks, signal cabinets and much more. Then there is the August meet just starting up and some of our own are the new stars on Tracks Ahead, the PBS show all about railroads. Does that sound busy or what?



**The garden railroad** has become a major attraction for us and we have gained some new members because of it. All those

folks working on it have been adding track, steaming bays and more paths. It is a truly magical place to go, thanks to all of you for making this happen.

**The PBS folks** were definitely impressed and could not figure out how to do us justice with just one short segment but I trust they will do a good job. We should air in the fall 2011 season. As always it was the great people that tell the tale of Train Mountain that made it special, and I think the excellent showing of all the things you do here will be a tribute to



your efforts.

**We had a dry run** so to speak for Community Railroad Day on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July by registering folks at the gate and getting them to The Garden Railroad by train and then back again. Dennis and Mort Ediger, Directors of the garden railroad, worked very hard and put on a great show for over 250 folks that day. Well done everyone!

**Then the big day August 7<sup>th</sup>** Community Railroad Day, we had registration at the gate, a display of classic cars, tow trucks, ambulance and local vendors inside, two food venues (one of which was the great K&W Diner) a popsicle vendor and snow cones. We had train rides to G-Ville (14 trains running all the time, back and forth for 6 hours) once there the Garden Railroad was running with all sorts of marvelous trains and even a hayride with horses in South Meadow. WHEW, that is busy. You can be very proud of the job our members did and how well they represented us to the public. Thank you everyone for an excellent day.

**Steve and Pam Panzik** have somehow procured a lot of the bits and pieces from the old Car shop at the yard in Klamath Falls. Thanks guys! They have been very busy helping around the place mowing and doing road work with Al Taylor and their tractors as well. Thank you all very much.

**It is becoming** very difficult to thank you for all you do for Train Mountain. Your generosity is overwhelming at times. With the end of the season nearing, your support to help us through the winter months is very important. We do have some old business to clean up as well though. The Rotary Fund is only a little over half covered and the contractor is looking for additional payments. We need to finish this off and we need to raise a little over \$20,000 to do it. If you're inclined, send your checks to Train Mountain, made out to Chris Arsonault Construction and we will log it and send it on. Since the Mega Mover Show has not aired as expected and which would have bolstered the contractor's business, we have little chance of getting this price reduced. Help if you can and we can clear it off the books.

Talk to you soon

**Ross Perrin**, General Manager

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## THE TENDER HALF



**I had the pleasure** of going up on Caboose Ridge with Ross and the PBS film crew.

What a nice group of guys...my husband included. I kept thinking of Quentin and his vision and realizing just how spectacular it will be when it gets completed.

**These last few weeks** have been very inspiring to see the devotion and determination that so many of you have to see his dream continued.

I agree with Ross...there just aren't big enough words to say the "Thank You" that we feel. You truly are appreciated.



**Steve Tune is one** such devoted member. He has donated another train car to be raffled off at the September Meet. Please see the ad page. You can purchase your tickets by mail or when you get here. Just ask Bill Kludt (last year's winner)...."You only need one to win", but you do need to get at least one.

**I'm planning to have** another silent auction at the September Meet. Again the items have been supplied by our generous members and neighbors. Some highlights are an HO Chessie Train set, a Jim Lane print, and I believe I've gotten indications that there may be some of Quentin's personal things. . It should be fun!!! If you have something you would like to contribute, get it to me as soon as you arrive and we'll add it.

**Our friend Seth Abrahams** has been working with Accucraft. They are now producing a 1/8 scale switch engine, which you may see on the store website: <http://trainmountainstore.com>. He has made arrangements so that if you purchase one through Train Mountain, we get a portion of the sale. Just prior to our Community Railroad Day Seth brought me the first of their stainless steel trucks. They were very reasonably priced at \$299. All but one pair have flown out the door. (I'm thinking that the winner of the raffle car, should have first dibs on them...unless someone twists my arm). Apparently the cost of stainless steel has gone up, so the next batch will be made with steel wheels instead. It is my understanding that the stainless steel ones will still be available, but for \$399. This has been a very generous undertaking on Seth's part. He is meeting a demand and helping Train Mountain as well.

**John Kelso also** has his trucks available in the store. I call them the Cadillac version. They are made with bronze and I have had many people commenting on his fine craftsmanship. Those of us that know John, would expect nothing less.

**I am very happy** to say that the web store is now International. In the last few weeks I have shipped to Norway, Australia and Poland.

TTFN, *Kay Perrin*

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## MUSINGS FROM MIDWAY



Community RR Day arrivals at G-Ville

**Again, it's a wonderful job** and we get to do it. Say thank you, that is, although thank you is not enough for all the thoughtful help and donations we've received, so please know we feel much more gratitude for these random acts of kindness than these words express.

**Al Taylor** - Bringing tractor and compactor and digging out the steaming bay and compacting new track bed.

**Carolyn Steuer** - Painting swans, geese and steaming bay ramp.

**Dennis Ward** - Watering plants in our absence

**Barb Ward** - Donating butterfly lights and spot lights

**Alma** - Donating "Flowers of the Northwest" book. Now we can identify the plants of the area.

**Jeanne Meiser** - Constructing G-Ville building kits and painting logging camp buildings.

**Bev Blenkinsop** - Painting logging camp buildings

**Gordy Pisle** - Donating more lights, goldfish and more brochures.

**Alex Wendt** - Donating a G scale caboos.

**Russ Wood** - Constructing and putting in place the ramp for the steaming bay.

**Lucy, John and Mel Bastian** - Spending all day greeting people and doing security at G-Ville for Community Railroad Day.

**Please forgive me** if I've forgotten anybody. You are no less appreciated. I just wasn't near a paper and pencil and the filing system in my head doesn't work like it used to.

**We have had lots** and lots of visitors to Midway above and beyond the two event days so all your work and donations have been seen and appreciated by many people. **THANK YOU ALL**

*Dennis & Mort Ediger*

# BITS & PIECES

**Birthday wishes** for this issue go out to Jerry Day and to all our other members and friends who will be celebrating another year of life during the next 30 days.

**From Jeanne Meisser:** Hugo and I arrived on May 29th and are leaving on Tues, 7/27, a total of slightly more than 8 weeks. As requested by TM we have kept a log of our hours worked. Hugo has logged over 210 hours, between 25 and 30 hrs per week. I have logged approximately 130 hrs, over 15 per week. His list includes making switches in the track shop, repairing switches both for TM and FTM, giving train rides to visitors, organizing and compiling a data base for RR drawings given to TM, updating the TM track and switch manual, hauling pine needles and other misc. needs. I have worked in the wood/paint shop, helped in the store, helped with mailings and membership packets in the office, repaired and painted buildings on the track, hauled needles and pine cones, and most recently built buildings for G scale. We have slowed down this week because of the heat. Many others do more. This is just a sample of what we have done behind the scenes.

**That kind of dedication** is what makes Train Mountain go on. We all appreciate the Meisser's donations of time and effort, as we do those of all of you who are so generous. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes!

**Additional thanks** to all of those who have been donating empty plastic jugs for our fire prevention/control program. One of the donors who has given a large supply of these jugs is the **Black Buffalo Coffeehouse** in Chiloquin. Next time you're in town, stop by, have a cup of coffee, and let them know we appreciate their donations!

**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.



**I have one little story** from the Community Railroad Days that I really need to share with all of you. One of my duties (I think I had the easiest jobs of the day) was to take pictures. I took a train down to G-Ville, took some photos there, and then hopped on another train to return to Central Station. The return train was Les Dent's train, and it was his maiden run with a new car. The car had been performing in a less-than-stellar manner in that it loved to derail. As a result, our trip back up to Central Station was slow, with several stops (the re-railing made much easier by having very cooperative passengers on that car). As we approached the tunnel heading to Central Station, Les turned around and told me to pray—derailing in the tunnel could be a problem. At which point, the

car derailed. Again. Right in front of the tunnel. Back on track, and we prayed and focused on the light at the end of the tunnel. Victory! We got through it. Les removed that car from his train—last time I saw it, it was hiding in the corner of the back shop.



*Carol*

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How many volunteers does it take to move the information booth? Peg says "Six standing, one on the ground and one very cute picture taker". (That would be, of course, Peg herself)



# SCENES FROM COMMUNITY RR DAY



The Classic Cars



One train departing, with more people waiting



Chiloquilters



Meeting on the Serpentine



People telling people where to go. HmMMMM. . . .



Happy faces at Midway



And when the day was done, 0-Beer-Thirty was welcome!



## Oregon Shores II Lots for Sale

Owned by Train Mountain member, Dick Gemeinhardt

This well established subdivision is located on a bluff overlooking beautiful Agency Lake with its breathtaking backdrop of the Cascade Mountains, and is just a few miles from Train Mountain. Association fees were only \$200 for the year 2010, and include all your household water, road maintenance and access to the beautiful 17-acre Agency Lakeside park.

**Lot 25 Deerpath:** 29,842 SF (more than 2/3 acre!) \$17,464. Adjacent to this lot is **Lot 16 Woodland:** 23,651 SF (another half an acre +!) \$16,784. Grassy, rolling building lots, with nice views of the Cascades. Bought separately, each is large enough to be able to have a horse! Buy them both for a total of 1.23 acres for lots of elbow room, and enough space for your site-built or manufactured home AND a shop!

**Lot 47 Kerry:** Huge Lot! 30,466 SF (7/10th of an acre!) of grassy, rolling topography with power at the lot. Nice views of the Cascades. \$15,847.

**Lot 54 Rainbow:** Wonderful level grassy home site with super Cascade Mountain and Agency Lake views. Great for site-built or manufactured homes. Power is about 300' away. \$11,876.

Call Dick Gemeinhardt 360-703-7063

### PRICE REDUCED—\$99,900

1999 three bedroom, two bath manufactured home with land, 1,160 SF, two car garage, fenced, underground sprinklers, landscaped yard, garden area, garden shed, community well. Quiet neighborhood in Oregon Shores II, close to Train Mountain. Flyers at Train Mountain.

See pictures, virtual tour at [www.coldwellbanker.com](http://www.coldwellbanker.com), MLS #74210.

Call Sarah 541-783-3776 or 541-891-2094.



## HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SELL?

Place an ad in the Gazette!

1/8 Page: \$25/month or \$250/year

1/4 Page: \$40/month or \$400/year

1/2 Page: \$70/month or \$700/year

Full Page: \$125/month or \$1250/year

**Please get your meat choice to Alma 1 week prior to banquet**

#### September Meet Banquet

**Saturday, September 11, 2010**

Stuffed Chicken Breast **OR** Tri-Tip  
Roasted Red & Yellow Potatoes  
Southwest Style Black Beans/Corn & Salsa  
Fresh Fruit Salad  
Homemade Oatmeal Rolls  
Peach Crisp or Amaretto Spice Cake

#### Fall Colors Meet Banquet

**Saturday, October 9, 2010**

Grilled Chicken Breast **OR** Pork Loin (choice of one)  
Potatoes Au Gratin  
Fresh Spinach Salad (w/Pear Vinaigrette)  
Corn on the Cob  
Apple Crisp  
Brownie w/Cream Cheese & Strawberries

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# SEPTEMBER MEET OF 2010

## THE WHO, THE WHAT AND THE WHERE!

--DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat, Sept 4th	9:00 AM	Begin Work Week, which runs through Thursday, Sept 9th at 4:30 PM
Sat, Sept 4th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers who arrive early for Work Week. Host: Sharon Breen Location Central Station.
Sun, Sept 5th	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides
Sun, Sept 5th	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Hosts Barbara and Dennis Ward— <b>SEE NOTES.</b>
Mon, Sept 6th	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Hosts: Mort and Dennis Ediger Location Central Station - <b>SEE NOTES.</b>
Wed, Sept 8th	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Hosts Russ and Linda Wood— <b>SEE NOTES.</b>
Thurs, Sept 9th	1:00 to 4:00 pm	Chiloquilters. Sewers / Crafters will meet in Central Station, show and tell, beginners welcome- <b>SEE NOTES.</b>
Thurs, Sept 9th	4:00 pm	Work Week ends
Thurs, Sept 9th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Host Bert Newberry- <b>SEE NOTES.</b>
Fri, Sept 10th	9:00 AM	2010 September Meet begins, which runs through Sunday.
Sat, Sept 11th	6:00 PM	Train Mountain Banquet, held at Central Station, reserve with your meet registration online at <a href="http://www.trainmountain.org">www.trainmountain.org</a> or call 541-783-3030. See menu on page 7
Sun, Sept 12th	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides
Sun, Sept 12th	4:00 PM	The 2010 September Meet ends.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The Klamath and Western club will have their K & W Diner, located at the trailer at the east end of containerville (across from passenger car), open for lunch 11 to 3 each day of the work week and September Meet except Sundays. You must have your badge on to get served, no exceptions.

**The following 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 Office as soon as you arrive.**

**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.

**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.

# Steve Tune has donated another one of his cars to **Raffle**

*Thanks Steve!!*

*Thanks Steve!!*

Proceeds will support Train Mountain  
&  
The rotary move



The raffled car will be done in red oxidized paint. Winner will also get his/her choice of 1 lettering kit from a selection that Steve has already made up.

Steve plans to have the car available at the September Meet. Raffle tickets will be \$10.00 each. You do not have to be present to win. If you would like to participate by mail, please fill out the Raffle form and send it with your check to:

Train Mountain Railroad Museum  
36941 South Chiloquin Rd.  
Chiloquin, Oregon 97624

Drawing will be at the September banquet. Winner will pick up their prize at Train Mountain. Any shipping will be the sole responsibility of the proud new owner.

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Raffle Tickets** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Your information will be put on a ticket & placed in the jar along with a "Good Luck" wish

## **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)