



The Mountain GAZETTE

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Ahh Kitsap is in the air, you know that wonderful feeling we get every year about this time. We can always tell when the time is getting close. It is usually raining, snowing, windy, etc, etc,. That is until they drive through the front gate. They 'usually' bring great weather with them and it only goes away as they drive 'out the gate'! Sooo we welcome the Kitsap Krew and their good weather to Train Mountain.

In addition to being your editor for The Mountain Gazette, I'm also the president of The Over The Hill Livesteamers. So now what do you suppose I should do with my time off from these tasks? Well just to keep things from getting too dull around here, I've joined another railroad club of course. It just happens to be the Klamath Rails, a non-gauge specific model railroad club based in Klamath Falls. Now the reasons for this folly may not be all that clear, but I'll try and give you an answer that should relate to all of us as members of Train Mountain and the live steam hobby.

We all hear a lot of talk these days from celebrities and politicians and the like all wanting to 'give back', to help those trying to learn the ropes, etc,. Think about our role as members of Train Mountain, we certainly want to help build this great enterprise and see it flourish, but equal to that lofty goal is our desire to help one another. The Kitsap Krew Week is a prime example. That gang comes down to Train Mountain every year and does some really great stuff for Train Mountain. What's their reward? Why would they do this year after year? I'm quite certain its not to get their name mentioned in the Gazette (cause I always seem to screw that up royally!), so what is it? I believe it is as I mentioned earlier, our desire to give back. To give back to Quentin and Train Mountain, to give back to this great hobby, and to give back to our fellow members.

I have been a model railroader for over 50 years and a live steamer over 35 years. What I did in those first 15 years lead to me be a live steamer. What I did in my first years as a live steamer led me to be a member of Train Mountain and finally recently led me to be a local resident of Chiloquin to be even closer to Train Mountain. I joined The Over The Hill Livesteamers because they are the local group that gives rides on trains for the public. Now if you think I'm trying to pat myself on the back as a unique person with lofty 'give back' ideals, you're wrong. I'm but one of many members just like you in our hobby that do this every week year in and year out without any 'reward' other than having a great time in a great hobby. Our local model railroad club is only three months young and has 25 dues pay-

ing members. Six of these are either Train Mountain or OTH members. The rest are future 'recruits' for Train Mountain and OTH.

If you haven't seen the videos of the Triennial 2003 Seminars you are missing out on some great knowledge being shared by some pretty remarkable folks. The seminars cover all aspects of our hobby and are presented by some of the most knowledgeable folks in their areas of expertise. The filming by 7+ is first rate and the sound is very good for seminar recordings. This is another classic example of a group of individuals 'giving back'.

We are but 5 meets away from the next Triennial Meet 2006 and I can guarantee that planning for this great undertaking has begun. 250 plus engines, 1 1/2 miles of rolling stock, some 1200 to 1500 people from all over the world, and crammed into just 7 days time, WOW, now that's what I call giving back!

I hope you all are very active in your local area and promote live steam and model railroading.

OK, now remember these very important dates:

2 Days until Kitsap Krew Week!
41 Days until Meet One 2005!
430 Days until the Next Big One!

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FROM THE MANAGER

The latest information

Tax time is almost over for individual taxes and I know some of us are relieved, hopefully you are as well. This time of year I look forward to nice weather but this year I am getting teased with nice days a lot. Oh well, it will get better I'm sure. Our water situation/drought is improving but too little too late I think. The speed of the melting snow pack has been too rapid which means we are getting too much of our frozen reserve now. We are getting some snow again today that will help the situation.

Containerville is ready for the lessees to hook up track and store their trains. The doors went in with little resistance and look good. We have been searching for good affordable containers with little success at this point. We need to get the second and a portion of the third phase in before we can put in the transfer table, as we need the space for the crane to set up in and have swing room to place the containers on their pads.

We have had a great donation of end mills for our milling machines again from Bill Beaubien. Thanks to Bill we have had the end mills to accomplish tasks such as machining switch parts, machining parts for engines and cars; many daily repair parts have been made using these cutters and even some member projects. Thanks Bill.

We have had volunteers working around the railroad doing the popular pine needle raking and having seen the amount of needles we have, it sure is obvious where they have worked at raking them up. Thanks to all of you that have been out and about working.

Ron has had a new project going on in his shop on which he has spent most of his time lately, and I'm told the research phase was exhaustive. He has built a scale out-house and had trouble scaling the hole! Pat has built a table for Richard's shop that you can park a truck on. Pat also doubles as my computer guy (that is what he made a living at before retirement). He had to rebuild my computer and has it running even faster than Richard. Thanks, Pat.

The staff has been busy working on cleaning up areas that look bad, like the "Bone Yard", and getting stuff stored that we need to keep. We hope to soon have the scrap metal gone to the recycler. A good deal of clean up has been taking place on the entire property.

We have been approved for some funds to help defer the cost of brushing (removing the thick brush that chokes out the trees, uses a lot of water and also is a fire hazard) the property to promote better tree growth and health so we will be working on that as much as possible. This is a three-year project covering one thousand acres. This project also exposes us to evaluation by various agencies to determine if we have cultural areas, endangered species locations (whether plant or animal etc.) and any historic or prehistoric areas to protect, which will be a great help in future planning as well.

Our zone change project mentioned last month will be in the hearing phase later this month and then on to some Condi-

tional Land Use Changes. We hope to embark on a few ventures to create income for operations in the near future and will be spending a great deal of time on those efforts. The income-producing ideas are dependent on the approval of the land use permit, which gives us the official OK by the County.

Another interesting planning tool being developed by the Department of Environmental Quality and United States Department of the Interior (Water Resources Division) is a well location map, which will indicate information that will be very helpful in our wellhead protection work. From our perspective, each well on Train Mountain has been located by special GPS, depth of well and water levels recorded and one out of eleven wells has been monitored for water level fluctuation for several years now. This information, along with our neighbors' information, will provide a valuable map.

Almost time for the Kitsap Krew Week! I hope we will have nice weather for them so we can get some outside work done. This group has been coming for a week in April for a long time now; it used to be they just tore stuff apart but now they seem to always fix a lot of things and get a lot of work done on improvements all around the park. You folks are always a great help, thank you!

Talk to you soon

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NEXT WORK WEEK

What do we do next!

The time is running short for you get your personal projects completed so you can come join in the fun and frolic at 4200 feet!. It's just a few more weeks and we'll be a party'n like crazy and if you're not here it just won't be the same! So come on now, no more excuses, finish your home duty chores, and load your stuff, we'll be a'waitin fer ya!

Possible May Work Week Projects

May 28th--June 5th, 2005

Relay Outside Mainline—Ellingson Bridge to South Portal—1,500 plus feet double track—work crew

Aspen Grove Loop - 5,200 plus feet—work crew

Anytime Projects

Main Yard Tune up - 2 people two weeks

Six Acre Siding and Yard - 2 people 1 week

Six switches, one siding, four stubs.

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North Portal Siding, Wye, and Yard - 4 people 1 week

Seven switches, two sidings, one wye, and one stub.

Grade Crossings Upgrade - 2 to 4 people 2 days each

Replace any wooden tie sections within two track sections of all grade crossings (this can be an ongoing project)

Containerville Owners Projects - 2 to 4 people 3 weeks

New switch at Four Way Crossing for entrance into Containerville
Connecting track from new switch to yard throat
Finish ballasting and leveling yard throat tracks.
Explore alternate switch arrangement at Central Station end of Containerville yard.

And of course there is the always popular, rake pine needles and pine cones fun and games!

Meet	Work Week	Train Meet
First 2005	Sat May 28-Thurs June 2	Fri June 3- Sun June 5
Second 2005	Sat July 2-Thurs Jul 7	Fri July 8- Sun July 10
Third 2005	Sat, July 30-Thurs Aug 4	Fri Aug 5- Sun Aug 7
Fourth 2005	Sat, Sept 3-Thurs Sep 8	Fri Sept 9- Sun Sept 11
First 2006	Sat May 27-Thurs June 1	Fri June 2- Sun June 4
Triennial	Wed June 21-Sun June 25	Mon June 26- Sun July 2
Third 2006	Sat, July 29-Thurs Aug 3	Fri Aug 4- Sun Aug 6
Fourth 2006	Sat Sept 2-Thurs Sept 7	Fri Sept 8- Sun Sept 10

You do know that you are welcome anytime to come to Train Mountain and volunteer to help, you don't have to wait for a meet, just come on up and check in with Ross to see what needs to be done. There is also the Adoption System that has worked so well. Lots of ways to help all we need now is you!

WHAT WORKS?

The 'Art of Giving Back'

The Art of giving back is a double edged sword. It requires a Giver and a Taker. There has to be someone 'willing' to LISTEN to the Giver. And of course there has to be a Giver who is willing to EXPLAIN to the Taker. Now that I have you terribly confused and also terribly bored I shall try and get us back on subject.

Barking orders at someone is not explaining or teaching or being a Giver, it's just barking orders.. Telling your Giver that in your club you always do this way or that way is not listening or being a good Taker of that information. The art is in the in the careful choreography of listening and explaining and explaining and listening. (Can you folks believe this is coming from me!)

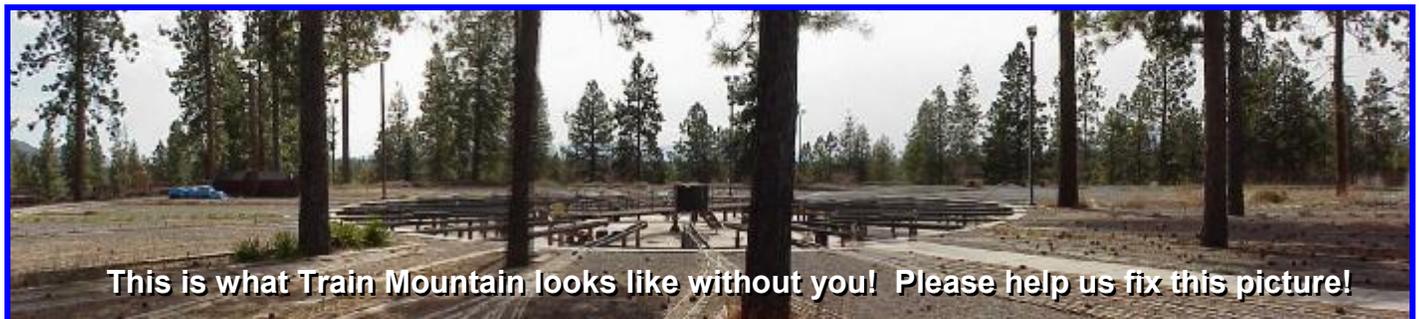
The work crews at Train Mountain have been doing things the Train Mountain way for quite a while. We all

didn't come to Train Mountain 'knowing' how to do every thing correctly. Remember Quentin's story about all those frying pans hanging up in Central Station! You think the Idaho Mafia invented track laying or were born with a talent for laying a mile of track in a week? Of course not. We all learn by our mistakes. But we can also teach by our mistakes. By that I mean while we are 'teaching or explaining' to a good listener fill them in on some of the areas where we have learned from our mistakes. That just might get them to thinking about their club and some of the things that they have done that were part of their learning curve.

Anyhow, sharing the knowledge is what I think is all part of the Train Mountain experience. We all know about being in the Guinness Book of World Records as the biggest, but I would also like to think that we can be considered among the very best as well. We certainly have many areas for improvement, but overall I think the Train Mountain experience is very educational. I loved all the seminars at the 2003 Triennial. They were great fun, full of great ideas and wow, the talent pool was amazing. Please consider attending the 2006 seminars or better yet why not give a seminar at the meet on your particular area of expertise. If you look back at the large variety of topics you can see a speaker/Giver was available for all kinds of information. Military trains, how a steam engine works, electric/battery powered locomotives, and on and on. It sure was fun being a Taker/listener and also a Giver/teacher.

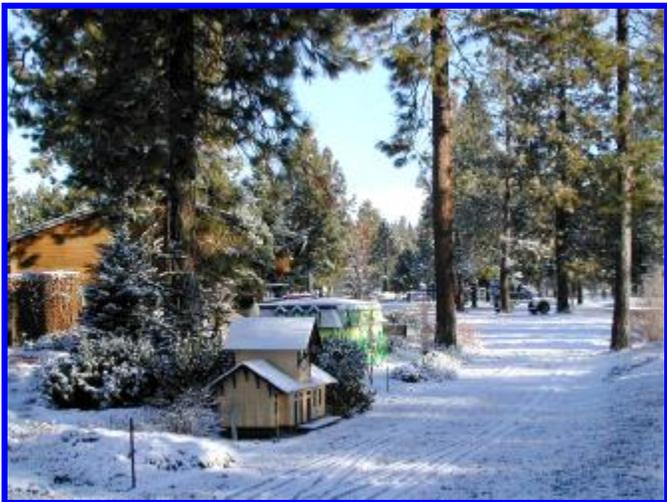
Please consider your next visit to Train Mountain, what do you want to learn how to do, what do you want to teach someone else how to do, what experiences can you share (no not those, the other kind, sheeze!). Are you bringing a guest or two, what is their background or experience level in the hobby, what are you going to relate to them about Train Mountain, before, during, and after? Will you let them operate your equipment after proper training or simply 'take them for a ride'? What new things are you going to try on your next visit? If you promise to be a good listener we will make every effort to find you a good presenter.

If none of this what you are looking for, I believe you have only two choices, the first choice is that you might consider changing hobbies, and the other choice and my personal favorite, we can always put you together with Pop out in The Back Shop! The choice is yours! See you all very soon. (sorry Pop I was just kidding!). BTW Pop will be at the First Meet 2005.



This is what Train Mountain looks like without you! Please help us fix this picture!

Spring at Train Mountain
Mother Nature likes to play with us



Photos by Ross Perrin

And just a few days later. . .



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