



The Mountain GAZETTE

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For those of you that are keeping score this is my fifth year as your editor of The Mountain Gazette. I try and not be to repetitive in my comments and subjects but it is getting a little harder with each issue. For the newbies they haven't heard my 'stuff' before so it's OK, but for the rest of ya', well that's life. This is our annual Thanksgiving Issue. We show the pictures from the fabulous Halloween party (at least those pictures that the post office will let us send through the mail). The picture on the masthead is of my great grandson Matthew who was seen tipin' the bottle at the party and he was only six days old at the time! We also take a serious moment to thank all of you for being who you are and for doing all those things you do so well (that's a song or something isn't it?). A subject I haven't done yet though came to me as I was looking at the photos from the Halloween party and thinking about the Thanksgiving issue. I thought of the fun we had at the party and the 'magic' of the evening. It got me to thinking about the 'magic' of Train Mountain. The Train Mountain experience is more than going for really cool long rides in the woods. It's more than the wonderful facilities that Quentin has provided for us. It's really the atmosphere that Quentin and Sharon provide that's the real magic of Train Mountain. We are a club of mostly seniors (some more senior than others). If you don't believe in magic then on your next trip here set yourself down by the loading / unloading area at Crisp Yard. Watch the folks arriving from afar. Some have come a long ways to get here and others have come a long, long way and still others, well you get the picture. They are tired of driving, glad to get out of their vehicle and always crack a little smile 'cause they know they are here. First comes the hugs, handshakes, and latest medical reports. Next comes the unloading and the first bits of relaxing at The Mountain. You'll see these same 'seniors' all during the meet. Start paying attention to their smiles, their attitudes, their overall well being, it's just like 'magic' what this place can accomplish. So Quentin and Sharon THANKS for GIVING us a magical Train Mountain and to all of you thanks for helping Quentin and Sharon build such a wonderful and magical place.

Hey while we are the subject of Giving how about giving Jerry Crane some help on the committees for the 2006 Triennial. Check out his column in this issue for more details.

Next order of business is also related to the 2006 Triennial and the great seminars to be presented. If you are interested in giving a seminar please contact Greg Robinson at 530-527-0141 or mainline@sunset.net. Remember that the 2006 Triennial is a couple of days shorter than in 2003 so there are fewer seminar spots available. If ya' snooze ya' lose!

Carol wants me to remind all of you that Membership renewal is due by January 1 to assure that you'll be included in the 2006 Membership Roster. The form is available at www.trainmountain.org for those of you who have internet access. For those who do not, it is included with this hardcopy issue. I might add that as long as you've got the check book out you might as well go ahead and fill out the 2006 Triennial Registration form as well. Remember the longer you wait to register for the Triennial the more it will cost ya'. We're also including the 2006 meet registration form so you can start registering for the Polar Bear Run. The form is also available at www.TrainMountain.org under "Meet Schedule".

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FROM THE MANAGER

The latest information

The scheduled meets are over for the year and what do we get but 3 inches of snow overnight! Nice way to do things when there is so much outside work to do yet. At least we can get some burning done now and clear some of the brush piles you all made over the summer (I think we will be burning Texas Bob and Billie's area all winter because they have so many piles).

I always say we get better with practice and I think we hit the highest rung on the ladder again this year with the Halloween Party! Thanks to Dale and Veronica Taylor - the entertainment was great! For those of you that don't know what I mean, Dale tells one joke and does it very well, but when you put the two of them together they do jokes, songs, food, dance lessons, karaoke, music and all the things that make for good times. We had a wonderful group of folks in attendance and had a great time. I was told we were going still around 3AM! Sonya and Sarah did a great job decorating again this year; they added a number of creepy things like rats and spiders in the bathroom (I think they enjoy scaring me too much!). Thanks to all who made this a great party.

A short note on Containerville, we have had our inspection on the second set of foundation blocks and our electrician will be out to run the proper conduits through the open passageway between containers 10 and 11 this week sometime. I have some information to pass along to phase 2 container folks and will get that done in the next couple weeks. This information will detail costs of the containers at present and what our options are.

It appears that the list of Chairpersons for the upcoming Triennial is filling quickly. I am impressed to see the amount of talent and knowledge that will be in charge of the various departments. Your support of the Chief Volunteer is very much appreciated and respected; your efforts will once again strengthen and improve the hobby.

Ron and Caroline are busy getting some refurbishing work underway on some of the first buildings they built here over ten years ago. Their techniques have proven that you can build a 2-inch scale building and get it to last for a long time. Art and Charlie have been busy in the main yard leveling tracks and aligning them as well. They have had 2 loads (about 26 yards) of stone, as Charlie calls it, hauled in by Peggy and they have worked it all in. Jerry is working on the rebuild of a Railroad Supply GP 40 and making progress.

We are busy with road work, brush burning, storing stuff inside for winter, etc. We are also getting busy

with the forestry work for the winter season; we need to remove the brush from about 330 acres this winter to fulfill our contract with the Ag Department. Richard finished the dirt work on the Cooperstown Connector between the long tunnel and Central Station last week and electrical ditches are open for some new power to run a control tower in the area of the number one switch to the passenger station.

Camping at Train Mountain has become very popular and we are working to make improvements in infrastructure and in the campgrounds themselves. I have been receiving numerous requests and questions concerning camping next year; first, the Conditional Use Permit must allow campgrounds and licenses must be acquired, next the purpose of the campground will be defined and rules adopted for those uses. At this time, Blue Caboose is for workers here for extended periods of time and 6-Acre Campground is for tent campers and small tent trailers, and finally, South Meadow is open for any type of camping. We have tried to keep it simple and maintain the informal use of these camping areas but have realized that the use is too heavy for the "good old days" type of management and we will now have to install rules and adhere to them. As soon as possible, with the help from some of our frequent campers, we will publish those rules for all to see. If you have any suggestions please get them to me as soon as possible.

Talk to you soon

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2006 TRIENNIAL REPORT

Current status of the planning and preparation!

Last month we published the list of the volunteer committees and the chairperson for each committee. At that time we had a few openings. Thanks to responses from some of our wonderful Train Mountain members we can now announce the following additional chairpersons:

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Security: Jim Rickman, jrpaint03@yahoo.com
Photography: Trevor Heath, trevor@livesteamimg.com
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We now have all our committee chairpersons identified. Thank you to all that have volunteered for these important jobs.

The next thing I would like to request from the members is suggestions for things that we could do better or differently during the next triennial. These suggestions can, but need not be, major concerns. We need any suggestions that could make for a better meet. We have already received a couple of suggestions that we will be implementing next year. We will have hoses out by the back shop during the photo day so that the steam engines can take on water during the setup wait. We will also not be operating the turntable under power but will operate it by hand as we do during all other meets. These are the type of suggestions that we would like to receive. You can send your suggestions directly to me or to Train Mountain.

Thank you,
 Jerry Crane jerald_maydell_crane@netzero.net

NEXT WORK WEEK (JUNE MEET 2006)
What do we do next!

This will be the LAST work week before the 2006 Triennial work week! We are now down to just one more work week until the 'Big One 2006' edition!. Take another look at this list and you can see that it can get done, but it's going to take your help! But please remember to plan enough time to have some **fun** while you are here!

Meet	Work Week	Train Meet
Polar 2006	2nd Annual Polar Bear Meet	Sat Jan 13- Sun Jan 16
June 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
August 2006	Sat, July 29-Thurs Aug 3	Fri Aug 4- Sun Aug 6
Sept 2006	Sat Sept 2-Thurs Sept 7	Fri Sept 8- Sun Sept 10
Operations	2nd Annual Operations Meet	Fri Oct 6- Mon Oct 9

Possible May Work Week Projects
May 27th - June 1st, 2006

- Main Line Tune up** - Several Crews, all work week
- Main Yard Tune up** - 2 people (currently underway by Art and Charlie-Bill)
- Six Acre Siding** - 2 people 1 week
Lay track and ballast.
- Grade Crossings Upgrade** - 2 to 4 people 2 days each
Replace any wooden tie sections within two track sections of all grade crossings with steel rail on plastic ties (this is an ongoing project)

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

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Email Info@TrainMountain.org
for information

HALLOWEEN PHOTO GALLERY
Check out these party goers!

The Halloween party is for the kids of all ages. Great fun great food, great costumes.



We do have one little problem at these parties though, we just can't seem to get Ross to relax and come out of his shell!



That's it, left right left, now you've got it! OK this time lets try it with the music! Great fun, Veronica leads the line dancing.



Whatever Tammy and Richard said got a reaction from Louise!



The dancers came in all sizes and all ages. Funny the smiles all seem to be the same!



The singing was just as ahhhh, just as ahhhh anyhow it was just like last year!



And now presenting the latest Chiloquin singing sensations the 'Broomettes!



The kids are really getting into the rhythm now!



Now last year we had a blow up cow but Ron out did himself this year taking top honors with a blow up ballerina costume! Its amazing what you can get away with when you are 85 years young!



And of course I can't have an issue without showing you the latest track at Train Mountain. Only this is track close to Train Mountain. This is on the Vanderspek property adjacent to Train Mountain. It is connected to Train Mountain via Vertel Loop.



Oh Joel, next Ops meet remember any rail cars going to Vanderspeks must have a U.S. customs stamp on the waybill!



The tracks on the left go into the new car barn and the track on the far right is the bypass



Happy Thanksgiving!



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TRIENNIAL 2006 REGISTRATION

June 26 to July 2, 2006

Please enter the names of those attending exactly as you want them printed on your Triennial 2006 Name Badges:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____ Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Please provide information for each locomotive and train consist you plan to bring on the other side of this form.

Vehicle Parking Permit Information (check one):

- My vehicle's description: Make, Model: _____ State: ____ License No.: _____,
 I will be driving a rental vehicle and will provide this information upon arrival, or
 I will not be parking a vehicle onsite.

We will be staying (check one):

- Local Motel Local RV Park Local Campground With Friends
 Self-contained RV at Train Mountain South Meadow (which has limited water & no electricity)
 Tent camping at Train Mountain Six-Acre Campground (which has limited water, no electricity & portable toilets)
 Other: _____

Each attendee will receive a Triennial 2006 Name Badge. Each car will have a Triennial 2006 Parking Permit. The Registration Fee Schedule is for each person attending and is designed to encourage early registration, so that essential services can be booked well in advance. The Registration Fee payable is based on the postmark date on the envelope. For children age 6 and under registration is \$5, for children age 7 to 12 it is \$25 and for everyone over 12 it is the following (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 through November | <input type="checkbox"/> \$56 during February | <input type="checkbox"/> \$62 during May |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$52 during December | <input type="checkbox"/> \$58 during March | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 during June |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$54 during January | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 during April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 at the Gate |

Enclosed is my check payable to "Train Mountain Railroad Museum" for Registration Fees to attend Triennial 2006 at Train Mountain for ____ persons under 7, for ____ persons 7-12 and ____ persons 13 and over for a total of \$_____.

I acknowledge that the 7½" gauge-railroading hobby is inherently dangerous. I assume the risk of injury or death resulting from my actions or omissions or the actions or omissions of others. I agree to abide by the Train Mountain Rules of the Road. I agree to be responsible and financially liable for the actions and conduct of my family members and guests. I agree to be responsible and financially liable for any injury or damages arising from the use of my equipment.

Train Mountain Office Use Only:

Date

Signature

Date _____ [] check # _____ [] cash
[] Visa [] MasterCard # _____
Exp. Date _____ ID # _____

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Name (in case pages get separated): _____

To assist us in assigning you a storage siding, we ask that you provide us with the following information for each locomotive and freight or passenger consist you plan to bring to the Triennial. If you bring several locomotives, we will attempt to assign all of your equipment to the same track or to adjacent tracks. Please remember that the maximum train length for operating on the main line is 140'.

1. Engine Description: Type: _____ Road Name: _____ Road Number: _____

Fuel: Unleaded Gas Propane Diesel Coal Electricity Other: _____

Length of engine consist (engine, tender, and engineer car) _____'

Length of freight or passenger consist _____'

Total train length _____'

2. Engine Description: Type: _____ Road Name: _____ Road Number: _____

Fuel: Unleaded Gas Propane Diesel Coal Electricity Other: _____

Length of engine consist (engine, tender, and engineer car) _____'

Length of freight or passenger consist _____'

Total train length _____'

3. Engine Description: Type: _____ Road Name: _____ Road Number: _____

Fuel: Unleaded Gas Propane Diesel Coal Electricity Other: _____

Length of engine consist (engine, tender, and engineer car) _____'

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Total train length _____'

4. Engine Description: Type: _____ Road Name: _____ Road Number: _____

Fuel: Unleaded Gas Propane Diesel Coal Electricity Other: _____

Length of engine consist (engine, tender, and engineer car) _____'

Length of freight or passenger consist _____'

Total train length _____'

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2006 TRAIN MEET REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Fax: _____
 _____ E-Mail: _____

Member: Yes No

Names of family members and personal guests:

2. _____ Member Y N 3. _____ Member Y N
 4. _____ Y N 5. _____ Y N

I wish to register for the following Train Mountain 2006 Train Meet:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polar Bear Meet (Jan 13-16) | <input type="checkbox"/> June Train Meet: (June 2-4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> August Train Meet (Aug 4-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> September Train Meet: (Sept 8-10) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operations Meet (Oct 6-9) | |

I enclose my check payable to Train Mountain Railroad Museum for the following:

	No People	Sub-total
Registration-Member @ \$10.00/person	_____	\$ _____
Registration-Non-member @ \$25.00/person	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet (more than two weeks in advance) @ \$17/person*	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet (less than two weeks in advance) @ \$22/person*	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

*To reserve \$17 tickets for the Saturday evening banquet, we must have this Registration Form and your check payable to Train Mountain Railroad Museum in our office **NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE BANQUET. Because of the increased banquet costs for late registrants, banquet tickets for which payment is received later than two weeks before the banquet will cost \$22.**

- I plan to arrive on _____.
- I will be bringing the following engine(s): _____
 and my total engine(s) and rolling stock will require _____ feet of storage track.

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PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH MEET YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

For Train Mountain Office Use Only:

Check # _____	Date _____	Megan's Law Check _____
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