



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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**The Best** laid plans are always going to be the target of the forces of gremlins and other bits of distraction. This year's Polar Bear Meet was well planned, the problem was lack of snow. Tuesday before the meet the ground was bare! Wednesday saw 1 inch of powdered white stuff—not nearly enough. Ahh, but Thursday gray clouds, temperature dropping, 3:00 and here comes the snow—hurray! 30 minutes later it stopped—boooo! Friday the high was 29 and the low was 6, but clear blue skies and no more snow. So what do you do at Train Mountain during a Polar Bear Meet with little or no snow—why you run trains of course. And what do you do when you are not running trains? Why you have some nice hot homemade chili (compliments of Beverly) or enjoy some smores out at the fire pit (compliments of Richard), that's what. The icy weather conditions kept many from coming, but those that did had a great time and all vowed to do again next year. BTW the low Saturday was -7!

**Saturday morning** we were joined by Lee and Toni who had just finished their morning count. What count you ask, well how about the 50 elk in their front yard! Where's their front yard? Well it's better known as M&M corner out on Elizabeth River Loop.

**The new** Train Mountain 2006 Triennial video is now available from the Company Store. Give Cheryl a call at 541-783-3030 to order yours today.

**The final** preparations are now being completed on the 2007 Membership CD. This CD will contain your 2007 Roster, the Encyclopedia, all past issues of The Mountain Gazette, and lots of special goodies. This CD will be sent to all members in good standing as soon as the final pieces are completed. I think you will be happy with the results!

**Speaking of** Membership, this will be your LAST Gazette if you have not sent in your renewal. The forms are attached to this issue and are also available on line at the Train Mountain website.

**There is** a little break in the action here for the next few weeks. The last meet of last year was the OPS meet followed by the Halloween party, the Back Shop Christmas party and then the Polar Bear Meet. So going two months without a party or meet is going to be hard to get used to, but we will be in full swing with the Kitsap Krew starting us off in April followed later that week by the first Narrow Gauge Meet. 2007 should be another year of milestones for Train Mountain. The completion of Aspen Grove Loop, the celebration of the 20th year of Quentin's Train Mountain dream, 4 Work Week / Train Meets, another OPS meet and of course MORE PARTIES!

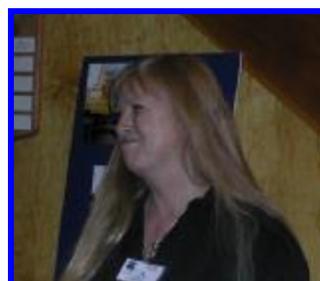
**Bringing in** the new year is a time for reflection of the past and to make those all important resolutions. Don't forget to make a safe and sane year part of this year's resolutions.

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And the winner of the Chili Cook-off is Beverly. Great job and great chili!

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**FROM THE MANAGER**  
**The latest information**

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Happy 2007!! I trust you all ushered the New Year in with great expectations and devotion to many resolutions. It is too cold to usher anything in here as the Polar Bear participants found out.

The Polar Bear Run had some of the coldest low temperatures we have had in some time and highs barely made it to freezing (if at all). There was less than an inch of snow in most areas to plow. It did snow after everyone left for home, but not much. Lots of rides were given and some happy folks all around having a great time getting cold and having some good homemade chili in the kitchen and smores by the fire pit. We sat 40 people for dinner on Saturday night, as always with the smaller groups it has a very "family" feeling and just plain comfortable. Thanks to those that provided goodies such as Peg and Bill Schubert's cookies and donuts, Sharon's muffins and Wood's Breakfast. Bev, one of our staffers, built a great homemade chili that made it through 3 days of lunches. We will order more snow for next year. I want to give Russ special thanks for being kind of the "den mother" for the Polar Bear Run; he organized the plow jobs and running (as needed) and was always present to keep Les and the gang out of trouble. Thanks Russ for the extra effort.

The elk are back! A large herd with 50 plus animals has been spotted overnighing at the Brook's homestead and they don't seem to mind the train tracks. According to Toni, "they were sleeping on them"! There was a good article about cougars (or rather how to avoid them) that we will reprint in this edition. This is not to scare you, but to inform you that the danger is present anytime and anywhere and you should know what to do. Just like learning CPR it is a precaution and education. Yes, we do have cougars here, no signs recently around the train tracks, but you should be aware of them.

Richard has been working to the southwest of Brook's property and has run across the elk and their tracks many times in that area as well. We have been working on the clearing for the main road on Railroad Ridge and also brushing for wildfire abatement but also to remove juniper trees and clear around small pines to give them a chance at survival. Cheryl is hard at it working on membership packets and the new TM Annual on CDROM. Bev is overwhelmed I think, she is doing the housekeeping, cooking, helping out in the office, working on special tours and putting together some of the pieces for the new TM Company Store. For rookies, Bev and Cheryl are handling it well.

Ron and Caroline have been busy building and fixing things. Charlie has been playing hooky. I think the weather is a little much for track work, Art is doing well and helping Charlie with the machine work for his engine. Lee Brooks has taken on some of our suggestion box projects that we will talk about later. Jerry has been doing some modifications and service work on the engines. Peggy helps out in the office with mail runs, the Gazette and what ever is needed. Thanks everyone.

Time is slipping away so fast; I was asked today what the jobs are for the season. I haven't even thought about that yet! The main job for the work-week is the completion of Aspen Grove Loop; the track will be in once Art and Charlie can get to work again and then on to ballast work. Logistically I have some issues with rock - we like to put it in spots where the waste in the bottom of the pile becomes road rock. In this case, that location is a long run for ballasting with the gators, but that may be necessary so we don't waste rock. Also, the truck route is troubling; we do not want to damage the roads with the heavy trucks. We will figure it out and be ready to ballast come the end of May. Other projects that come to mind are: car work, some full size restoration work, track maintenance, repairs to picnic tables and benches, repairs to air and water systems in the steaming bays, more wood gathering and clearing, track cleanup and the list goes on. I think there were some pine needles missed on the last go around as well.

Now is the time to get your train servicing and repairs done - so get busy and we will be ready for another great railroading season at Train Mountain. Remember, safety first.

Talk to you soon:

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**SAFETY ALERT**  
**Keeping you safe at Train Mountain**

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The following is presented here to give you a heads up on a safety issue at Train Mountain. We are located in a very wooded area. We have lots of little critters roaming the property. With little critters comes the possibility of larger critters. One of these critters could be a cougar. Also known as a puma or mountain lion.

**How to prevent an attack by a cougar**

- Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

More people are injured or killed by deer, bees, dogs and spiders than cougars, but human-cougar inter-

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actions have increased in the past few years. The following can help prevent an attack out in the wild:

- Do not hike alone. Keep children close to adults and pets back at home as they can draw cougars to you.
- Do not approach a cougar if encountered.
- Do not run from a cougar. It may trigger its instinct to chase.
- Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms, throw stones, whatever you can without taking it out of your sight.

Fight back if attacked. A cougar will attempt to bite the head or neck, so do your best to stay standing. Use whatever you can to fend off the attack..

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## ANOTHER CLUB SUED

### The ongoing saga of insurance, hauling the public and passenger car designs

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With respect to our ongoing concerns about safety, the following is a summary of the facts in the current lawsuit against Great Lakes Live Steamers:

*The accident happened in the summer of 2005. An adult was riding in the back of a gondola with two of her children in front. The accident happened on a straight section of track. The car was uncoupled, derailed and tipped. It is always difficult to determine what came first. The Club believes that she leaned causing the chain of events. It is not clear whether the uncoupling occurred before or after the tipping. After the accident the club members asked her if she was OK and she said she was. Three months later the Club was contacted by her lawyer who said she had a wrist injury. A settlement of \$15,000 was offered which could be settled without going to court. She said no, she wanted \$25,000 that requires going to court.*

*She did not see a doctor. The insurance company visited the club and found the club equipment and track was OK. In a hearing the judge said the woman had a case since the Club was negligent in how the car was loaded. Her lawyer saw the Club's insurance policy and found the \$1,000,000 coverage and said she should sue for \$1,000,000.*

*The insurance company had the woman go to a doctor where her hand was checked with MRI. The doctor found nothing wrong with her hand. Never-the-less the case goes to court on February 13th.*

A few observations:

1. Many clubs have concluded that using gondolas for hauling passengers is not a good idea. This litigation is a case in point.
2. Many clubs make it a practice to load the heavy passenger either in the middle or the front of the riding car. Apparently that was not the practice in this case.
3. The more modern low profile riding cars are designed so that they can not tip over. This case suggests why their use for hauling passengers should be seriously considered by all clubs and track owners.

Quentin

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## PHOTO GALLERY

### Polar Bear 2007

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Like I said, not much snow but plenty of fun rides and good friends to share the mountain with. Great meet.



Of course little snow does NOT mean little ICE. Grade crossings are always a challenge and are sometimes a little time consuming.



Now this may look like the local crap game, but it's just another grade crossing with a little ice and a little derailment-what fun!



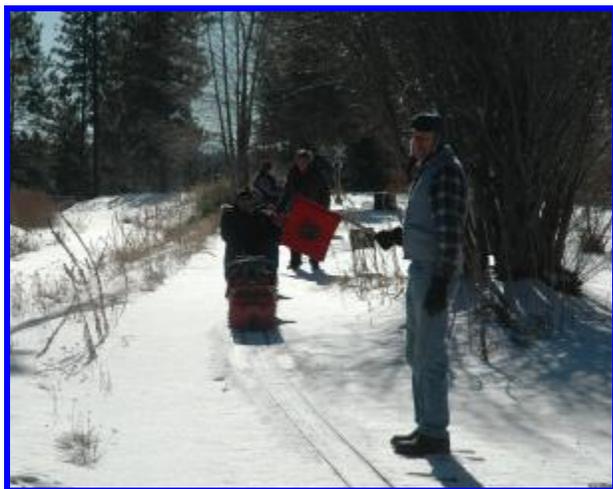
Those of us who have been here a few years remember when a big meet was this size. Great food, nice and warm, and of course great war stories!



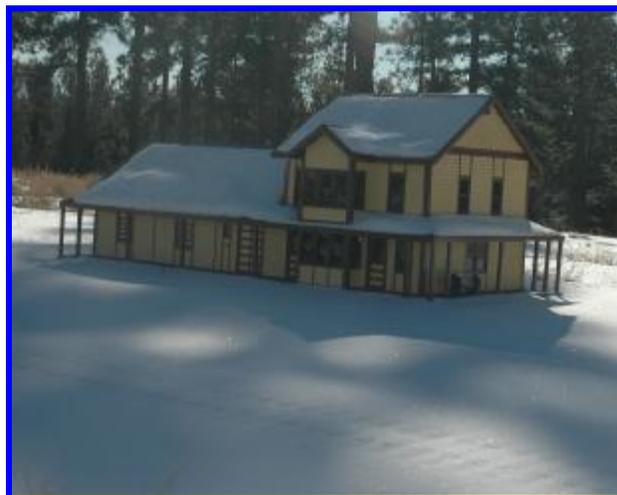
Not much snow but a lot of enthusiasm, fresh air (chilled of course) and plenty of jackets, scarves, hats, gloves, etc.



Colton looked really cool! (Sorry couldn't resist!)



At this point there were only 4 trains running on 30 miles of track! Lee is from the train where the camera is located and I'm behind them! Oh well, it was a pretty day!



Scale buildings require scale snow and it sure looked awesome as we made our daily tours around the layout. We plowed a little more each day.



Everywhere you looked there was an interesting new look to some familiar sights.



I always love pictures of Youngstown, especially during the winter and this years crop is no exception. A little mother nature sure goes a long way towards completing this great winter scene!



# TRAIN MOUNTAIN RAILROAD 2007 AND 2008 SCHEDULE

## 2007 WORK WEEK AND TRAIN MEET SCHEDULE

### Polar Bear Train Meet

Friday, January 12—Monday, January 15, 2007  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### Narrow Gauge Train Meet

Friday, Apr 27—Sunday, Apr 29, 2007  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### June Work Week

Saturday, May 26—Thursday, May 31, 2007  
Memorial Day is Monday, May 28

### June Train Meet

Friday, June 1—Sunday, June 3, 2007  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### July Work Week

Saturday, June 30—Thursday July 5, 2007  
Independence Day is Wednesday, July 4

### July Train Meet

Friday, July 6—Sunday, July 8, 2007  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### Operations Meet Set Up & Work Week

Saturday, July 28—Thursday, August 2, 2007

### Operations Meet

Friday, August 3—Sunday, August 5, 2007  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### September Work Week

Saturday, Sept 1—Thursday, Sept 6, 2007  
Labor Day is Monday, Sept 3

### September Train Meet

Friday, Sept 7—Sunday, Sept 9, 2007  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### Fall Colors Train Meet

Friday, October 5—Monday, October 8, 2007  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

## 2008 WORK WEEK AND TRAIN MEET SCHEDULE

### Polar Bear Train Meet

Friday, January 18—Monday, January 21, 2008  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### Narrow Gauge Train Meet

Dates not set Long Train 1 Lon

### June Work Week

Saturday, May 24—Thursday, May 29, 2008

### June Train Meet

Friday, May 30—Sunday, June 1, 2008  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### July Meet Work Week

Wednesday, June 28—Thursday, July 3, 2008

### July Train Meet

Friday, July 4—Sunday, July 6, 2008

### Operations Set Up & Work Week

Saturday, July 26—Thursday, July 31, 2008

### Operations Meet

Friday, August 1—Sunday, August 3, 2008  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### September Work Week

Saturday, August 30—Thursday, Sept 4, 2008

### September Train Meet

Friday, Sept 5—Sunday, Sept 7, 2008  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### Fall Colors Train Meet

Friday, October 10—Monday, October 13, 2008  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

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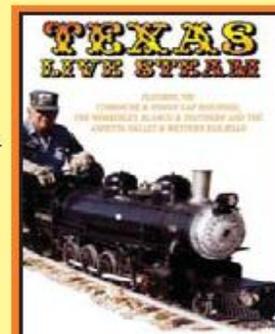
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New Membership Application for 2007

Existing Membership Renewal for 2007

I hereby apply for membership in Train Mountain Railroad Museum for the calendar year 2007, which membership includes a subscription to *The Mountain Gazette*, a copy of the Train Mountain calendar, a CD Rom with the annual *Train Mountain Membership Roster*, *Train Mountain Encyclopedia* and the *Train Mountain Photo Album* as well as invitations to, and Member's Rate for, registration at all train meets.

If a new application, membership includes a permanent name badge prepared exactly as printed on name line(s) below. Renewing members will receive a "20" pin to replace the "19" pin on their membership badges.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I also apply for memberships on behalf of the following members of my family living at the above address, which memberships include the Member's Rate for registration at all train meets.

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4. \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renew    5. \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renew

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Yes  No  You may publish my address information in the *Membership Roster*.

Yes  No  Include my e-mail address on the *Train Mountain Electronic Mail Distribution List*.

Please select one of the following means of receiving your monthly issues of *The Mountain Gazette*:

Send me the drab black and white printed edition by speed of snail surface mail.

Send me the full color Internet edition by speed of light electronic mail.

**Attached are separate releases signed by each adult listed above which includes a release on behalf of children under the age of 18. I agree to abide by the Train Mountain Rules of the Road and further agree to be responsible for the conduct of my family members and guests at Train Mountain events.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_