



The Mountain GAZETTE

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First an explanation for the untimely delivery of last month's Gazette. As hard as we tried there was just too many winter projects going on at the same time. When Cheryl wasn't tied up I was, and I when I wasn't tied up she was, sooooo. We will try and get em' to you quicker. Our normal cutoff for material is on the 10th of each month with a target mailing of the 15th.

I have had the wonderful opportunity of bringing you the Gazette each month for over 5 years. In all this time I have had the pleasure to bring you the exciting things that the members and staff are doing here at the Mountain. Some of you have also contributed great articles for the Gazette. Here is another request for future articles written by you, the members. Please send in your articles. Don't worry about your writing style because if you wish we can work with you on the article (just ask Cheryl, she helps me every month). The article can be on anything related to our hobby or the Mountain. How about some helpful hints for your fellow steamers, or tell us about some new tool that you have found that really helps with your machining. We have an open forum that Quentin has provided for us so please join in the process of making the Mountain Gazette YOUR newsletter and add to our knowledge base.

Just think only 42 more days until the first scheduled meet of 2007— The First Annual Narrow Gauge Meet. Please remember this is open to everyone, but it is a themed meet where the Narrow Gauge equipment will be the primary focus. We want all of you to feel welcome to join in the festivities. Please bring your cameras as the models that will be here should be some of the finest on display anywhere. If you are available, remember also that the Kitsap Krew will be here for the week of the Narrow Gauge Meet. They will be helping get Train Mountain up and running for the 2007 season. There is lots to do especially since we want to be running trains during the meet! Please join us if you can— we would really like to see as many of you as we can this season.

In this issue I'm going to jump the gun a little and give you all a heads up on the 2007 Operations Meet. I've written a little article that I hope you will take the time to read. Jim Armstrong, 2007 Meet Coordinator, will have a more complete article in the April issue and future issues, but I just couldn't wait!

If you are coming to the Narrow Gauge Meet we need your registrations for the meet and for the dinner and some of you have NOT sent in your release forms. No release—no running. Please get them into Cheryl as soon as possible. Thanks.

This just in from the front office: I've been asked to let everyone know that the 2007 Train Mountain Calendar is now available for purchase from the Train Mountain Store. Just \$10.00 plus shipping and handling. The calendar also includes the most current track map and is printed in full color. A very nice piece to hang in your office, den, or shop. They also have copies of the 2006 Triennial DVD for sale. Your 2007 membership packet will contain both of these items, but you may want extras!! Please call 541-783-3030 to place your order for either of these items.

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FROM THE MANAGER
The latest information

I'm almost afraid to mention the weather this time, last time I did we got dumped on and it was way too cold for a while. Right now it is very nice and close to 50 degrees and the snow is disappearing quickly. Maybe we just might get on with some spring-like weather; I know a lot of folks are hoping for it so we can get on with projects.

Art Crisp and Charlie Schubert are hard at work on Charlie's engine; Peg Schubert, Pam Panzik, John Wheelock and Toni Brooks have been busy helping out when needed in the office on various projects. Bert Newberry is up to his old tricks working on one of the ballast cars. He always inspires me with his creativity. Larry Debroi did some more slash burning for us and Ron Young and Caroline Jones have finished up the Winery that Larry built and that they helped on. Ron had one of his bright ideas and came up with some great looking turbine ventilators for the roof of the winery that really make it look good. Jerry Balf has had some shop time and got a few things worked on and is ready for the next project. Lee Brooks has designed and built a couple of new plates for the scissor lifts that look like they will handle the weight better and put your minds at ease as you load and unload. Thanks everyone.

Just a rumor, but I hear the Debroi Winery may be installed at Python Siding. I know everyone has that great track map and can locate it.

As the weather improves, the ground here will get very messy till it dries out, so to eliminate some of the past problems of stuck vehicles and big ruts to repair, please check out the area you are planning on parking in or driving through before driving out there and end up sinking. April may still be soft so as you come in for the meet or just drop in be cautious of where you drive.

Bev has been very busy getting more of the work in the store done and preparing for the new online store. Cheryl has been going great guns on the roster and membership items and keeping the office lively. Richard is in hog heaven with a truckload of gator parts and using them up quickly. I've been off playing some and can't remember what work is!

I recently went to Phoenix, AZ to see my son and had a great time. Of course I had to get some railroad time in, so I went to see some of the AZ Railroad Museum stuff and then had a wonderful tour provided by Hugo and Jeanne Meisser. I was shown their beautiful home in Sun City and one of the nicest home shops around, also had a crash course in

palms and cactus, which I really needed. Hugo then took me to the metal shop in Sun City and was I ever impressed. These guys have it made! What a beautiful place!

We then went to **Adobe Western Railroad**, Maricopa Live Steamers, what a great railroad. As I always say, every railroad I have ever been to is special in it's own way, and this was no exception. The track layout and landscape made for a wonderful run, I was able to run the rails with Hugo and saw 3 of the lines. One of the special things I noticed out on the track was the personality of the areas installed and maintained by the members - very individualized and great imaginations at work. A superb signal system worked well and had many user-friendly parts such as a button that runs the system for about an hour if you are out on your own. The false fronts on the storage containers made for a very impressive view and the placement of member areas around the track just added more to the experience. Everything there worked well and it was a very enjoyable afternoon. I think I heard there was about 8 miles of track and I saw more being built and installed including another bridge. You guys have done a wonderful job and thank you for allowing me enjoy it.

I had hoped to have enough time to visit a few more folks but as always time was too short. The day I was there Sherri Beauchamp was in surgery getting a broken leg fixed so I didn't get to see the other Sun City folks I know. Hope your leg does well and get well soon Sherri. I would have liked to see Jim just to see how he was handling not having Sherri to take care of him. HA HA!

Time is running short and there is railroading to do; hopefully you're at the point of completing your winter repairs and projects. I have seen pictures of a few new cars that were being built and heard of modifications to equipment being done so I know you have all been busy. I am anxious to see all the things you have done.

Talk to you soon:

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Most of the snow is gone, but there is still a little bit left in the shady spots!

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SCHEDULE 2007

Come and join in the fun!

Meet	Work Week	Train Meet
Narrow Gauge	No Work Week	Fri April 27- Sun April 29
June 2007	Sat, May 26-Thurs May 31	Fri June 1- Sun June 3
July 2007	Sat, Jun 30-Thurs July 5	Fri July 6- Sun July 8
Operations 2007	Sat, July 28-Thurs Aug 2	Fri Aug 3- Sun Aug 5
September 2007	Sat, Sept 1-Thurs Sept 6	Fri Sept 7- Sun Sept 9
Fall Colors 2007	No Work Week	Fri Oct 5- Mon Oct 8

Most clubs have one or sometimes two meets per year. This year we will have SIX meets. Wow! In addition to having these meets we also have a couple of major projects to complete this year. Please look at the above schedule and make your plans for attending at least one of these meets. We want ya', we need ya', we miss ya'!

FOR THE LADIES

Need the blocks sent in please!

OK ladies — you've got to give me hand here. Linda is telling me to remind you all once again to get in the blocks for the special project. She informs me that she has received only three of the many blocks that were volunteered by the group. I know you want to help us with this, so please send them in. If you don't remember if you volunteered to make a special project block or you don't remember what the project is all about, please call Linda at 541-783-3879. If you have blocks, send them to:

Train Mountain
attention Linda Wood,

or directly to: Linda Wood

P.O. 927

Chiloquin, OR 97624 - Thank You!

OPERATIONS MEET 2007

Getting ready for the Ops Meet - Russ Wood

Just in case you think these things just happen on their own, let me assure you that Jim Armstrong, with help from Joel Slagg, have been working very hard through this winter preparing a new computerized system for this years Operations Meet. The system will generate 'switch lists' for the train crews to use to complete the car movements on the Mountain. A train crew will be issued a 'switch list' for their train. The switch list will contain information such as what cars are to be switched, where they are, where they are going, special handling instructions (if any), and other

'fun' stuff! The amount of design work so far is outstanding. What is needed to make this system really work is data. The data required is mostly about the rolling stock. Using the wonderful data already compiled by Joel Slagg during the last couple of Operations meets we have a large amount of this data already. But as you recall, Joel asked for more cars, more rolling stock, more boxcars, for future meets. That's where this request comes from. We need your help, your rolling stock, your data! The sooner we have the data the sooner we can get it into Jim's new system. If you know you are coming to the Ops Meet then please email me the data at: gazette@trainmountain.org. The data requested is for each piece of rolling stock:

Rolling Stock Data Needed (per car)

- Car ID Number (Reporting Marks)
- Blank (This field will be set by the system)
- Multiple Car Consist Full Description
- Status (This field will be set by the system)
- Owner (Your name)
- Type ID
 - AU=Automobile Box
 - BA=Ballast
 - BO=Box
 - BU=Bunk
 - FI=Fire Extinguisher
 - FL=Flat
 - FU=Fuel Tender
 - GO=Gondola
 - HO=Hopper
 - MI=Military
 - PT=Propane Tank
 - RE=Refrigerator
 - ST=Stock
 - TA=Tank
 - WA=Water Car
- Type – Full Description
- Road Name
 - Length (in inches)
 - Scales Weight (in pounds)
 - Weight Class (L=Light, N=Normal, H=Heavy).

We need this data for the cars to be used for switching, but remember we also want you to bring special cars or trains, such as Dale and Veronica Taylor's work train, or Boyd Butler's wonderful military train that we used during past meets. I would love to see a circus train with all of its special movements — that would be great. We want this to be your meet, so give us a hand and send us your ideas and your data. Also remember to register early for this meet so we can help plan other special activities and to know how much equipment we might have available. In addition

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to the tremendous amount of equipment Quentin let us use, we also had a lot of cars from Steve Panzik. Rumor has it there may be another bunch of cars made available for our use, stay tuned. I know it will be another fun meet on the Mountain.

RAILROAD STUFF

Some interesting train stuff

I'm always trying to learn a little bit more about our hobby so when I find something of interest to me I also think it might be of some interest to some of you. So here are a couple items you may find useful. If you have some additional items you think would fill this role, please forward them to me at the addresses posted. Thanks.

In the March 2007 issue of Model Railroader, page 62, is a nice photo essay called 'understanding steam details'. It is probably common knowledge for you steamer types but I found it answered many questions for me.

Over the years I have listened to the propane folks talk a lot about their burners and some of the issues related to running with propane. In the March/April vol.41 issue of Live Steam, page 36, was an interesting article on a gas burner regulator that might be of interest to those of you who use propane for fuel. Also in this same issue is an article on some of the wonderful live steam clubs in Europe and their simply amazing facilities. Check out the grounds at Charnsmatt on page 66. Oh my goodness, it looks like the grounds at the Masters Golf Tournament!

PHOTO GALLERY

Winter projects getting' done!



Larry Debrois, Ron Young and Caroline Jones have built yet another wonderful structure. This time it's a winery; brick front, large wooden door, and killer roof details. I like it!



Pine cones, pine cones, pine cones, pine needles, pine needles, where's da' rake?



Lee Brooks' much improved loading plates for use on the Crisp Yard lifts. Now that's heavy duty!

All we need now is some trains to fill in the main yard areas!



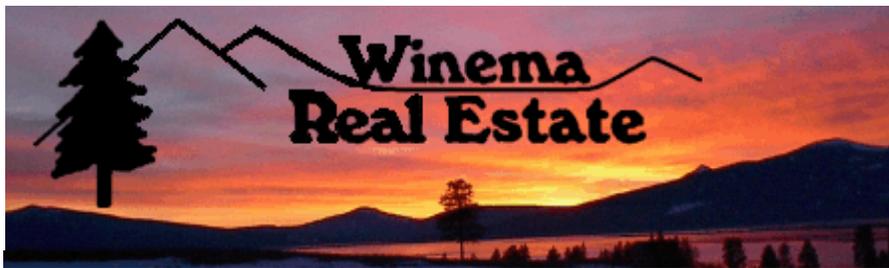
Charlie and Peg Schubert are doing a wonderful job on their steamer. Here's the progress on the tender, BTW the engine is running on air. Looks great!



Not even the containerville folks are around here these days. We need ya' back folks!

Send in your meet registrations, your releases, and get ready for another fun Train Mountain season!

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GRAND SCALES CONVENTION



The next **GRAND SCALES CONVENTION**, brought to you by Robinson & Associates, will be held **September 14 through the 16th, 2007**. Make plans to attend the convention at the home of John Wood's glorious 15" gauge railroad in Crawford County, Missouri. To learn more about the *Arborway, T. T. & Northwestern Railroad*, visit <http://www.arborwayrailroad.com/>.

As with every Grand Scale Convention there will be seminars given by folks who have been working with scale trains for decades. And, of course, the most valuable resource of the Convention will be you and the others in attendance. Every two years there is a gathering of the most experienced and most enthusiastic Grand Scalers. This year it will be in Missouri. We hope you will make plans to attend.

To learn more about the convention, check out future issues of *GSQ*, the *7+RAILROADER* and the *Riding Railway Newsletter* (Robinson & Associate's monthly e-mail newsletter). We're looking forward to meeting you in Missouri!

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