

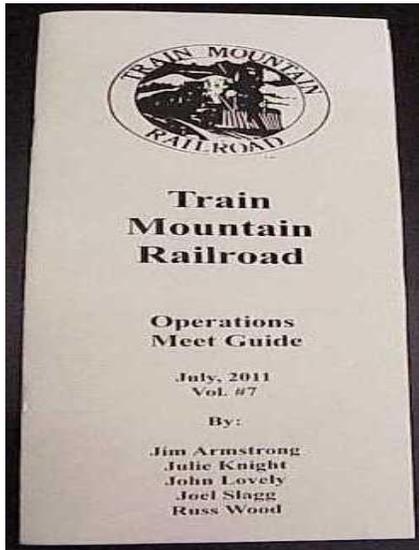


The Mountain GAZETTE

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Another Great Ops Meet -

This year's attendance was down from previous Ops meets, but you couldn't tell by the smiles on everyone's faces and the amount of passengers & freight that was moved over the weekend! My right hand (wo)man was missed greatly by me and the regular Ops attendees (we missed you Caitie & your family) but everything ran smoothly and fun was had by all!! We had many Ops meet "rookies" again this year and my favorite story from last year - Tim & Travis Gubbins hooking up with Ed Wishart for a first time experience at Train Mountain - came back this year and brought the whole family - and Ed too - for tons of fun again!! If you are looking at meets to attend next year - you really should consider coming and enjoying the Ops meet - we have a great time and provide a different "weigh" to ride the rails.

The Ops meet is always very special to me, mostly because of all who come to play and help put it on. Without the help of my mom and dad, Jim & Gwen Armstrong, and son Dawson Knight - I couldn't get

everything done and keep the smile on my face!!! Peggy Schubert - you took such good care of us!! Thank you so much for helping clean the Ops office (Beanery) and keeping us cool and tummies full with the wonderful refreshments on Saturday - they were much appreciated!! Thank you also to Suzy Cogliati and Nancy Devine for helping clean the Beanery.

To the largest group of car contributors in Operation history a BIG THANK YOU - Sharon Breen, Train Mountain, Steve Panzik, Dennis Ward, Ed Sarber, Mike Mattioda, Richard Croll, Bruce Eaton, Boyd Butler and Bill & Joyce Kludt for letting us borrow the rolling stock we use for Operations - without cars it wouldn't be much fun. A tip of the hat to John Lovely for our fun passenger service - you have made this a very popular way to spend time at the Ops meet - keep up the great work. To the unseen help in the Central Signal tower: John Cooper and Harrison Devine - thanks for a flawless weekend of signally at Central Station, Grand Junction and upper loop - it added an even more authentic aspect of the meet. Getting the railroad setup on Thursday and cleared on Sunday is always a big job and this year we added a tech team to check every car before it went out on the railroad to play - I want to thank the many crews helping tech, sort and place the cars out at the start of the meet and for wrangling them back to Main Yard on Sunday - Dawson Knight; Jim & Gwen Armstrong; Bill & Joyce Kludt; Hugo Meisser; Darrell Gomes; Tom Veltman; Doug Wilkinson; George Hoke; Kirk, Nancy, Cameron, & Harrison Devine; Monika Hoke; Rodney & Suzy Cogliati; Gene Flanders; John Kelso; Larry DeBroi; Thomas & Daniel Cooper; Richard Croll; John Brock; Mike Mattioda; Ed Saber; Steve Kennedy; Frank Bartholomew; Ed Wishart; Tim Gubbins & Family; Steve Vadeboncoeur; Russ Wood; Dennis Ward; Paul Skidmore; Tom Mercer & Leonard Houpt. Hopefully I didn't leave anyone out - if I did I am so sorry and I want to Thank You Very Much!! And now for the volunteers nearest and dearest to my heart - Dispatchers. Every year we seem to have a huge shortage of volunteers for this job, but somehow over the course of the 2 days, it all seems to get covered. Many thanks go out to Kirk Devine, Monika Hoke, Cameron & Harrison Devine, Ed Wishart, Tim Gubbins, Suzy Cogliati, Gwen Armstrong, Larry DeBroi, Daniel & Thomas Cooper, and Jennifer Moffett! Again if I left anyone out - I am truly sorry and I want to Thank You for your help! Thank you to all who participated in the Poker Fun Run on Saturday - we raised money for the Rotary Snow Plow Fund!!

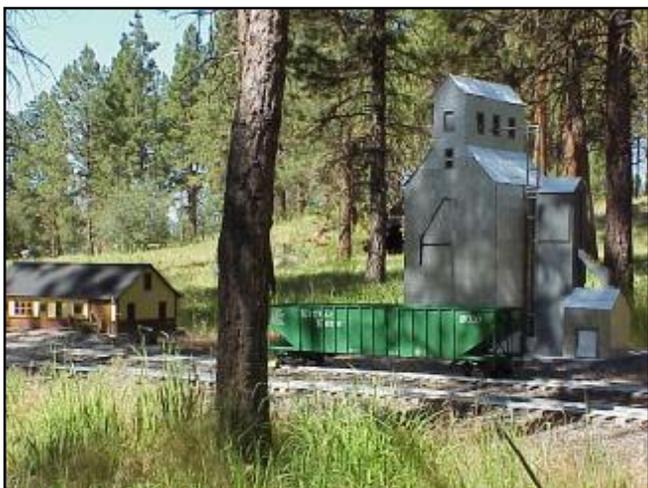
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Thank you to the Train Mountain staff – we appreciate a great place to play trains!

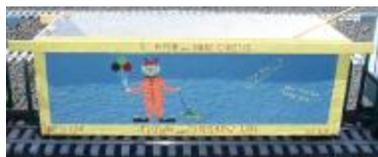
As you can tell I certainly don't put this meet on by myself. I hope that everyone who attended had a great time and for those who didn't - hopefully you will put it on the calendar for next year – Ops meet is always a great time!!! See you next year!

-Julie Knight



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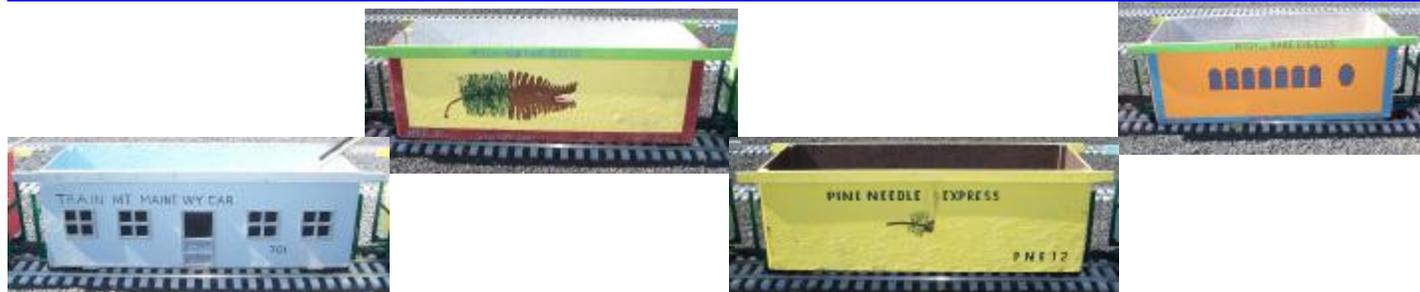
Lee Breuer's Circus Train Cars--(Pine Needles)!



The Volunteer Dinners for the *August Meet* are as follows:

- **Saturday, the 6th-** Host: Sharon Breen **Location:** Central Station at 6:00PM
- **Monday, the 8th-** Hosts: 'Mort' and Denny Ediger
Location: Central Station at 6:00PM
- **Tuesday, the 9th-** Open Night– No Dinner hosted
- **Wednesday, the 10th-** Hosts: Russ & Linda Wood- Pizza and Beer
(limit the alcohol consumption if planning to drive cars or trains!)
Location: The Wood's Home at 6:00PM
- **Thursday, the 11th-** Host: Bert Newberry- Hot Dog/Hamburger Barbeque
Location: Bert's Home at 6:00PM

More of Lee Breuer's Circus Train Cars Below! Great Idea!



Best of Greetings:

A huge hand to Julie as well as all those she spoke in gratitude of ... and probably a few more folks in places that we didn't identify. Just great team effort!

I am very pleased to announce that we are encouraged by many, including the IRS agent, to hold the 2012 Triennial as planned. No restrictions from them of any kind are imposed, as I was very glad to hear him confirm yesterday. So let's go full steam ahead in preparation, for who would not want Train Mountains' Silver Anniversary Year Triennial to be the best?!

All in favor say aye ... "I" ... to the following article!

Happy Days ahead!

Happy myself, Sharon Breen

2012 Triennial, 25th Anniversary Celebration
Work Week June 16th - June 24th 2011
Triennial June 25th - July 1st 2011

First call for volunteers! The 2012 Triennial is very quickly approaching and there is lots of planning to get done. We need volunteers to chair the many committees that it takes to put on these major events. Listed below is the list of chairs we need to have filled. Once filled, we will need volunteers to assist in manning these functions.

We had our first preliminary meeting on 7/8/2011; it was attended by 8 members (3 locals and 5 summer locals). The next scheduled meeting will be on Friday August 12th at 10:00am in Central Station. That is Friday of the next meet. If you would like to be one of the chairs listed below, don't wait until the next meeting, please notify Train Mountain at info@trainmountain.org, **subject: Triennial Chairs**. This is our chance to show the live steam community that Train Mountain is still here; we still have lots of track, we still have great volunteers, and most of all we do know how to have a great time. Please direct your inquires to the Triennial Committee and not the main office as they have too much to do already. Just make sure that you include the word "**Triennial**" in all of your correspondence. Thank you.

Funding the Triennial:

We will have the fee schedule set by the next issue of the Gazette and should have the registration forms available online. There will be a separate bank account set up for the Triennial and payments for the Triennial will be addressed and deposited into that account. This serves two purposes. First, of course, is for the total accountability of the event and just as important is that in the unlikely event that the Triennial gets canceled for any reason, those funds will be refunded back to the individuals.

The rooms at Train Mountain are already fully reserved for the Triennial, with the exception of the Bunkroom. The Blue Caboose campground is fully reserved for committee chairs. So, if you want to stay in the Blue Caboose campground, volunteer to be a chair. Otherwise start making your reservations at the local motels, RV campgrounds, etc.

Chair Names:

Volunteer coordinator, Arrival/Check-in, First Aid, Unloading, Safety Video Viewing, Boiler Test, Train Inspection Tent, Shuttle Vans, Train Rides, Information Booth, Fuel Yard, Communications, Campground Hosts (3), Track Repair, Yard Masters (2), Trash Pickup, Back Shop Repairs, Security, and Seminars. In the next issue of the Gazette we will post those positions that have been filled and those still needing chairs. We will also post contact information so you can volunteer to assist those chairs.

Seminars:

We will be having seminars as in years past. So this also is the first call for seminar speakers. Seminars need to be about 45 minutes long. Subjects can be about most anything having to do with railroading, either hobby or prototype. Contact us at info@trainmountain.org, **subject: Triennial Seminars.**

Club Copies of the Gazette:

Starting with this issue of the Gazette we will be mailing copies of the Gazette directly to all known live steam clubs (90 plus). If your club does NOT receive a copy of the Gazette please let us know at info@trainmountain.org **subject: Club Copy of the Gazette.** If you do receive a club copy make sure all of your members know about the meet. We also need vendors to participate at the Triennial. If you are a vendor or know of a prospective vendor please have them contact us at info@trainmountain.org **subject: Triennial Vendor.**

The 2012 Triennial Committee will have an office setup in the old beanery at Central Station. We shortly will have a separate phone number for you to call for any questions or suggestions or just general information regarding the Triennial. Stay tuned!

In addition to all of the positions needing volunteer help, Train Mountain will need assistance manning the office and Company Store during the work week and meet of the Triennial. Contact Train Mountain at info@trainmountain.org **subject: helping in the store/office.**

We cannot have this type of event without your support and help, thanks in advance, and please make sure to reference the "**Triennial**" in all your inquires so the committee can assist you.

-The Triennial Committee

For Sale!

Contact TM office if interested: info@trainmountain.org



Usable, Non-Certified Propane cars- \$1400.00



Log Cars- \$575.00



Firewood/Flat Cars- \$500.00

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