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Hello!

We are certainly aware of the summer heat but realize that most have hotter days than we do here. Smoke from northern California and Lakeview fires are in the air as well. Yet members and drop in public still have enjoyed riding the rails!

The Operations Meet went quite well even though not so many could come, those who did and those here had a good time once again. Jim Armstrong and family did another great job in organization and follow through. Clean-up and put away was also nicely done. Thank you each one for your considerations.

Kydara, Sharmoni and I have, and will enjoy another weekend of refreshment at Gospel based conventions; and look forward toward another year of confidence in the source higher than ourselves. None of us knows the details of the future but it is sweet to have treasures one can safely trust in.

Coming up is the September Meet with Saturday the 1st being the welcoming of folks for the work week. We look forward to seeing as many as can come.

Those who do come will see a new addition to the Museum. A loan of a detailed miniature chapel car that has been built by Leo Younglowe.



Caroline Jones, partner for many years to Ron Young, passed away on July 21st. She will be missed for her sweet smile and cheery disposition; she was also a great and creative person for detailing the buildings built by Ron at TM.

Don Isom also passed away this month at the age of 75. His miniature buildings have always been fun to see along the tracks; such as, the hotel previously in Pineville, the frontier town at Leaning Tree and the town of Little Falls.

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I enjoyed a long talk with our first volunteer- Mark Scarbrough and we reviewed many good memories made at Train Mountain. I told him that we are still looking for documentation of donations from folks to TM Foundation, back in 1988 and onward. If you have any such records, we would greatly appreciate a copy of such. This is an effort to remove the IRS liens away from Train Mountain properties.

Please send any information to my email address listed below or our PO Box listed on page five of this publication.

There has been some confusion on the 1/8th propane car price, please see the ad page (pg. 5) once again.

We remember life is short and freedom is not free.

Thank you,

Sharon

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Ops Meet for 2012

The 2012 Operations Meet was held the weekend of August 10 – 12 and all present appeared to enjoy “playing trains” in the hot Klamath County weather. Participation was down from prior years but that was mostly due to the Triennial where our members had to carefully choose which meets they could attend. It was so wonderful to see Bob Rufenacht back at Train Mountain after such a long absence – welcome back Bob.

We had over 105 cars on the railroad with 12 freight trains, 4 excursion trains, and only 1 passenger train running during the weekend. The dozen freighters moved 102 cars over the rails to their various destinations.

Julie and I want to thank all the people involved with the meet this year, including the Train Mountain staff and management, the front office volunteers, the track maintenance crew, those members who graciously allowed their rolling stock to be used, and all the other member and guest volunteers who worked so hard to make the event fun and successful. We would like to recognize Bill Dwyer as the only volunteer who signed up to work the Dispatch Board for the meet. Bill manned the radio for over 8 hours during the two days of operations. Another person who has been active in the Ops Meet for 8 straight years is Bill Kludt; he is always there to help with the pre and post meet activities of sorting cars, spotting cars, and then assisting with getting everything put back away at the end of the meet. A special ‘Thank you’ to the Bills!!

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Thanks again to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Ops Meet a success:

Art Crisp
Charlie Bill and Peg Schubert
Dennis Ward
Tom Watson
Russ Wood
Bill Kludt
Bill Dwyer
Joe Simon
John and Cynthia Lovely
Boyd Butler
Paul Skidmore
Nate Hawkins
Darrel Gomes
Dawson and Derek Knight
Les Dent
Bob Rufenacht
Frank and Delores Bartholomew
Dick Stark
Gwen Armstrong
Larry DaBroi
Barbara and Dana Ward
Les Gregory
Seth and Pam Milam
Jerry Baldwin
Mike McReynolds
Steve and Pam Panzik
Tom Veltman
Kyle Tucker
John and Thomas Cooper
Rodger Rude
Carol LaBerge



Our apologies if we have inadvertently missed recognizing you for all your help with the Ops Meet this year.

Looking forward to seeing you again next year!!

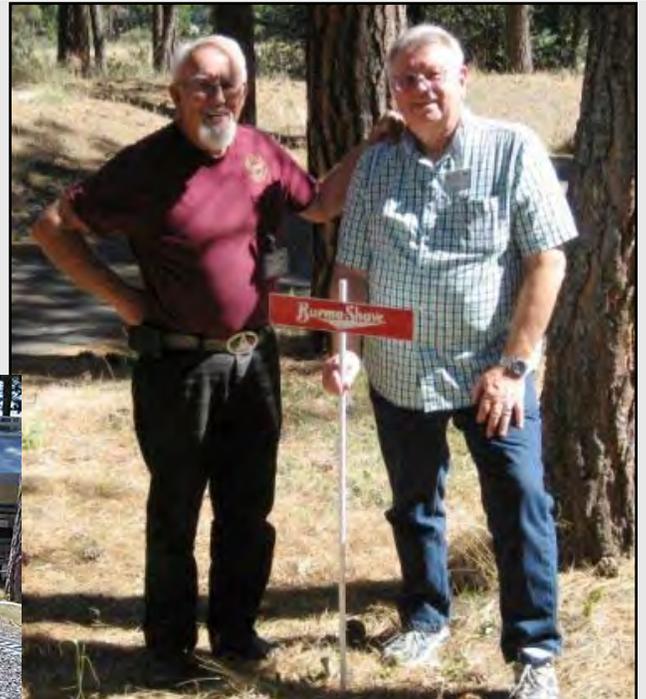
Jim Armstrong and Julie Knight



We would like to thank a very special volunteer— Delores Bartholomew!
 She spent every day from Monday through Saturday during the Ops work week and meet, working in the Company Store— stocking, cleaning, selling, smiling, and doing some major organization in the back room!!
 In addition, she helped organize the remaining Triennial T-shirt orders for processing!
 Wow— What a lady!



Burma Shave signs donated by Bill Dwyer, steel posts by Les Dent & installation by Dick Stark during the Ops Meet Work Week



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Anniversary
Celebration!



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