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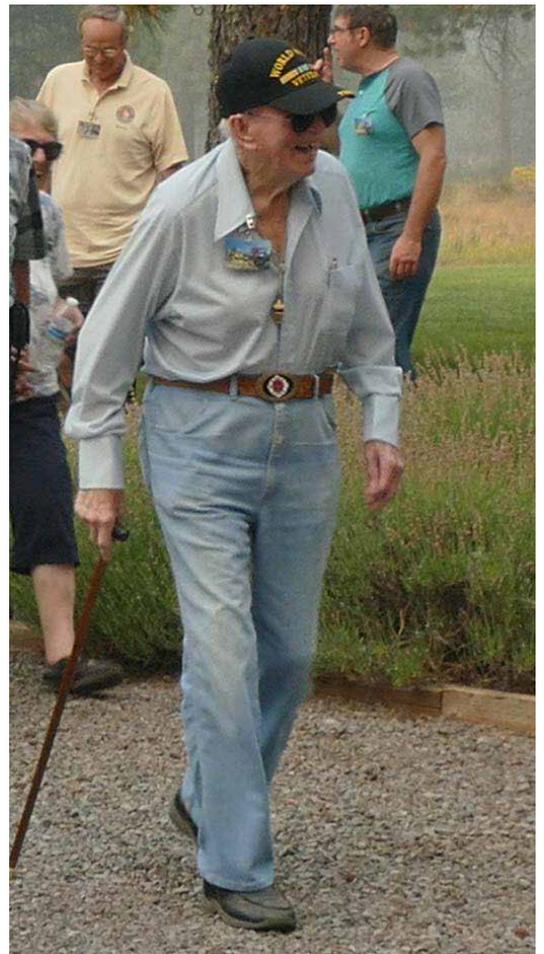


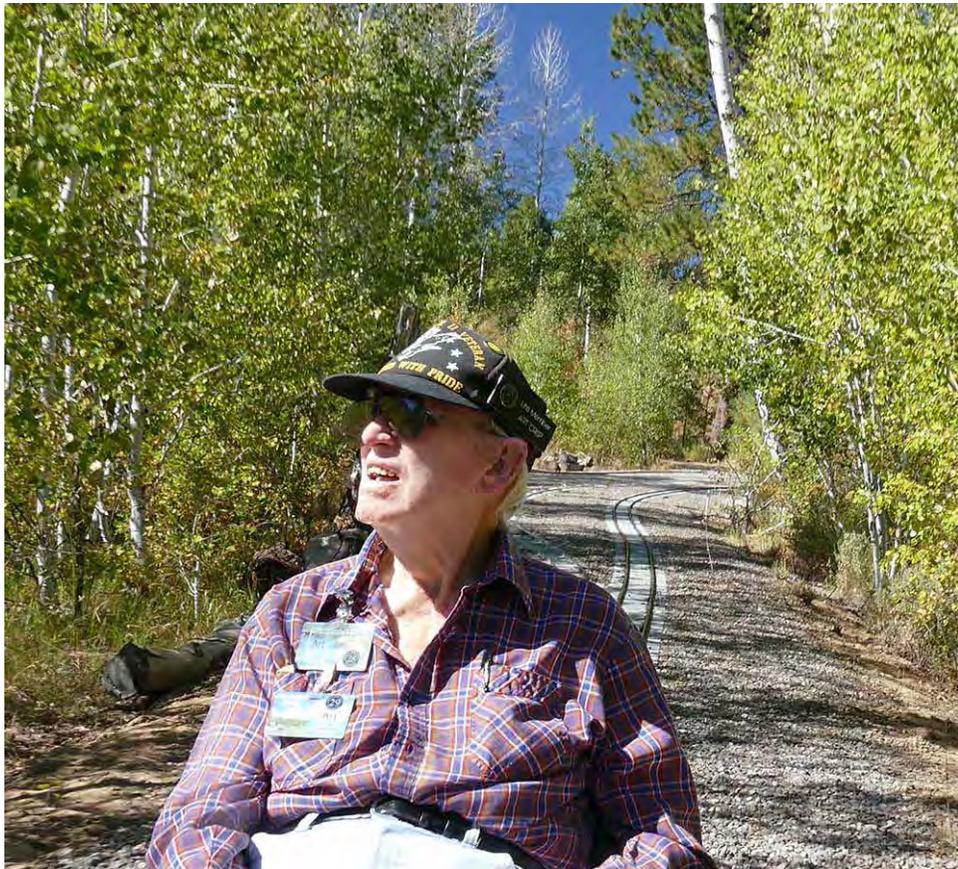
It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Art Crisp on November 2, 2017, at the age of 92. Art was born in 1925, and was a WWII veteran who proudly wore his WWII veteran's hat.



Art was one of the originals at Train Mountain, and built and rebuilt the yards and tracks several times.









Train Mountain on Oregon Public Broadcast

Several years ago Oregon Public Broadcast visited Train Mountain and filmed a short story about us that appeared in their Oregon Field Guide TV series. They returned again this last spring to film an updated story.

This new segment on Train Mountain was aired in their Thursday, November 9th broadcast of Oregon Field Guide. You can now view directly on the opb.org website. The entire segment is here: <https://watch.opb.org/video/3006578129/>

OPB has made the Train Mountain part of the broadcast available on Facebook, and can be viewed without being a [Facebook member by clicking here.](#)

2018 Operations Meet

Important Announcement-Schedule Change

I am pleased to announce that the 2018 Operations Meet will be starting on Thursday, July 26th. The orientation meeting will be held Thursday morning at 9:00 AM (immediately following the usual morning meeting). The operations will begin at noon on Thursday, and continue until Saturday afternoon at 5:00PM. This will give us an extra half day of operating.

Setup for the meet will be done as before, starting on Monday of the work week, and continuing through Wednesday. As usual, the cars will be brought back in on Sunday morning.

Watch for more details about the Operations Meet in following editions of the Gazette. If anyone has any questions about the meet, please email me at railroc66@yahoo.com, or phone me at 510-227-9174.

Richard Croll, Trainmaster

Triennial Volunteering!



WE WANT YOU!

The Triennial can only happen with your help. The facility provides the place to hold the meet but in order to be a fun and safe meet requires a few hours of everyone's time while you are here. The Triennial Coordinators (Jeff Mills, David Waterstreet, Danny Chamrad) have most of the committee chairman seats filled (I think) but all of the committees need worker bees.

There are indoor, sit down jobs, outdoor jobs, Company Store jobs, Triennial Office jobs, just a lot of jobs that will make this meet as special as they all have been.

So please let us know you really want to help by sending us an email at info@tmrr.org with the following information: Member name, Email address, Contact phone, Areas of interest, Arrival/Departure Dates. Thanks.

Triennial Vendors

We all have a favorite vendor from where we get parts and engines and all of the other necessities required to be in this hobby. Please ask them if they plan on coming. If you are contemplating a future purchase maybe they can bring your item with them and help offset their considerable travel expenses. Remember while they are at the meet they are not at their shop. I know Train Mountain is ordering some much needed parts and supplies from a couple of vendors. The logos on page 9 are from a few of those vendors already signed up. Looks like a real nice selection of products should be available.

WANTED

TRIENNIAL
VENDORS

- **WE NEED PARTS**
- **WE NEED RAIL CARS**
- **WE NEED ENGINES**

.....
MOST OF ALL
WE NEED YOU!

Vendors please
Click here for more info:
Info@tmrr.org

Triennial Office

Train Mountain's front office is very small and somewhat confining especially during special events like the Triennial. So the Triennial Committee is setting up a special event office called suspiciously "the Triennial Office" (clever eh!). It will be located on the exterior south wall of the Central Station main building adjacent to the main turntable. While you are here for the Triennial, start all of your office related inquiries at the Triennial Office, not the front office. This of course means we need folks to man the position and be able to direct members, quests, visitors, etc. It is out of the sun; it will have chairs (stools) and be a place to see everything going on. SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 8 FOR MORE DETAILS.

Train Mountain Track Shop

With the coming of winter the focus of volunteer time switches from outdoor activities to indoor activities. The Track Shop is in full swing and the finished panels are flowing out the door and onto flat cars to be taken to the yard behind the Back Shop. Currently we are getting low on tie material but we have more on order and it should be here early in 2018. Dustin is welding up some more of our home grown switch frogs and we also have some more of those pieces on order as well. Should be a great track build season and we will have ample supplies on hand for whatever track projects we choose to do in 2018.

Train Mountain Back Shop

We still need a Committee Chair for Backshop Repairs.

On the Eighth day god said, "Ok Murphy, you are in charge!"

This is an important job because we all know about Murphy's Law, and this means lots of us will require Backshop help to get running again. It's not about if it will fail, because all things eventually fail. That said, when it does fail we all know it is never at a good time (one of the postulates under Murphy's Law). Thus, it is really important to have people in the Backshop to help combat Murphy's efforts.

Triennial Office

One of the new additions for the 2018 Triennial will be a Triennial Office. The addition of the Triennial Office was necessitated by the massive congestion in the TMRR Office during the 2015 Triennial.

The Triennial Office will be located in the old “Beanery,” which used to be a concession area located on the south side of the Central Station. This area has a roll-up window which gives access to people who are outside on the south porch of the Central Station building.

The Beanery has been used in the past for the Operations Meet. In the image on the right, Art Crisp is picking up a switch list during the 2012 event.



During the winter, the food preparation equipment, and all the accumulated junk, from the Beanery will be cleared out so that the area can become both the Triennial Office and the Operations Meet Office in the future.

This new Triennial Office will greatly alleviate the congestion that occurred in the TMRR Office during the 2015 Triennial.

The TMRR Office will still handle things like TMRR membership payments, infrastructure problems, payments for fuel, contact with contracted suppliers, etc.

The Triennial Office will deal with issues relating to the Triennial such as your registration materials, your badge, your track assignment, parking an RV in South Meadow, purchasing ice, rail/golf cart shuttles, or pitching a tent in the 6-acre campground to name a few.

There will be Committee personnel at the Triennial Office after the morning meeting to help members sign-up for volunteer work hours in all areas of the Triennial activities, including of course, the Triennial Office.

A Triennial Co-Chairperson will be available, as needed, through the Triennial Office to help resolve issues.

White Boards will be located just outside the Triennial Office area and will have the following

daily information: volunteers needed, daily bad track reports, daily weather forecast, and other information relevant to the 2018 Triennial.

In general, if you need information or answers, go to the Triennial Office. If your issue needs to be handled by the TMRR Office, you will be directed to that office.

As with all things relating to the 2018 Triennial, organizing the Triennial Office is a work in progress. We are working on which tasks will be handled by the Triennial Office, e.g., hours of operation, staffing, etc.

We will be reporting updates on all things Triennial, including the Triennial Office functions, through future articles in the Gazette and on the TM website under the Triennial tab.

VENDORS COMING TO THE TRIENNIAL

As soon as a vendor signs up and provides us with a LOGO, we will add it to this list.



The Pike River Northern

Your suppliers for 1.6" scale locomotives and parts



Volunteers and the 2018 Triennial

The Triennial Coordinators have already begun planning sessions for the 2018 Triennial. The Triennial Coordinators are Jeff Mills, David Waterstreet, Tom Watson, and myself, Danny Chamrad. One of the many important aspects of coordinating a Train Meet of this magnitude is the number of Volunteers that are required each day to make this event an enjoyable experience for registered attendees and the public who attend the event for a day. At this early stage of planning, we are already looking at numbers in the range of 150 volunteers per day for the 7 days of the meet, and a few days before the actual start of the meet to accommodate early-bird arrivals, in order to fill the 2-hour work slots for each committee's responsibilities. That is an almost overwhelming number of 2-hour work slots considering the hours that some committees must have volunteers is from 7 AM to 7PM or later.

There are various committees who must coordinate things from garbage collection to parking for registered members and the Public who visits Train Mountain during this event. At this early stage, we have already recognized over 30 committees which must have volunteers in order to take care of their responsibilities. We have broken Volunteer Work Slots into 2-hour slots so that a volunteer can work a few hours a day and still enjoy daily activities at the event.

We will still have Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets at the morning meetings in Central Station for people to sign up for open work slots, but we are working on some new ways to get members to volunteer to work. These new processes would include members signing up to work using emails or other communication mediums before arriving at the Triennial. When the member picks up their registration packet, we would include information in the packet about committees which they have volunteered to work on. We are also looking at a process where members could volunteer to work on committees when they pick up their registration package. We haven't finalized any of these processes yet because we must first complete the work to determine all of the Triennial committees that will be needed and how many volunteers are needed for this committee. We will distribute finalized volunteer sign-up information to members as soon as it becomes available.

When we finalize the volunteer sign-up information process, we will distribute volunteer sign-up information through articles in the Gazette and on the TM website under the Triennial tab.

Triennial Safety

By Jeff Mills

The Triennial meet requires all Train Mountain Safety Rules be observed. In addition, heightened awareness of your movements in all areas must be a priority. Not simply in the operation of trains but where you walk, drive, camp and park must be considered. We should all **look out for each other** to continue our excellent record of safety.

Please be observant at all junctions and grade crossings both on the rails and off. Be ready and willing to give up your “right of way” to avoid a collision. A delay in your travel is preferable to an avoidable accident. Be aware that many new members and visitors are awe struck and concentrating on what they see or are taking pictures or videos, so are not aware of potential hazards, even right in front of them.

Make yourself familiar with the locations of the First Aid Station, Communications, Fire extinguishers and firefighting equipment, Emergency exits in buildings and the safety items each train consist is to carry. The daily weather forecast will be announced at the morning meeting and posted at the Triennial Office. There will be signs posted at all hazard points; read them, obey them and remind Visitors to comply as well. Please read the Triennial Brochure, and all other safety and operating notices included in your Triennial Registration packet. Important information about the entire Triennial is included.

All engineers and conductors are **required** to view the Safety video. Please take your earliest opportunity to view this video. Upon completion of that viewing, a sticker will be added to your ID badge. This sticker will be one of the safety inspection point requirements before allowing access to the main track. Many of our members have viewed a video we used for about nine years. However, we are making a **new and expanded rail safety** video and expect to have it ready for the Triennial.

A safe Triennial is the kind of memorable experience we hope everyone takes away with them in 2018.

Greetings from Joyce at the front office:



It snowed twice at the beginning of November. That's a bit early. Maybe that means we will get an early Spring? That's probably wishful thinking on my part but we'll see.

2018 Memberships and Triennial Registrations continue to pour in. I am guessing that will be the case from here on out.

For 2018 there are 243 memberships so far. Including family members, that makes 442 members so far for 2018. 376 people are pres-

ently registered for the Triennial. Those numbers are climbing daily, so watch for updates in the Gazette.

For the 2017 membership year, there is a total of 310 memberships and 615 members. Getting to those numbers was achieved over the entire year. We are already at 243 memberships for 2018 and it is just November.

About 85% of the registrations and memberships are done online. The other 15% are done through the office by mail or walk-in.

Visitors continue to come in despite the colder weather and sometimes rainy or rain and snow mixed days. This month they have come from Texas, Maryland, Colorado, Arizona, California and Oregon.

The Klamath Tribes are making progress on their Inn which will be near Train Mountain. It looks like a lot of the framing is in on 3 stories. From what I have read, there will be 76 rooms plus a gym, a convention room, an indoor pool and some other amenities. Will they have it done in time for the Triennial? I don't know. I think it would be awesome if they can, but it could be a very tight call.

Come early Spring I am **seriously** going to need help in the office. With between 50 to 70 visitors a day, meets, members and pre-Triennial, Triennial and post-Triennial traffic, I am not going to be able to keep up with everything by myself. (I am still catching up on some things that I was not able to address during the very heavy traffic of this past spring, summer and fall.) Having someone to greet, assist and indoctrinate (teach or instruct) visitors is one thing that will help most. Assisting people on the phone and help with various other office tasks would also be appreciated. Volunteers need to be able to be on their feet for varied periods of time. If you are interested, please give me a call at 541-783-3030. Even if you can only volunteer one or two days per week, it would really help. Five people volunteering one day per week each between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM would work quite nicely. Someone helping out with the store would also be of great assistance.

I hope you are all excited about the upcoming 2018 Triennial and that you will be able to come.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Joyce

November 2017:



Train Mountain Library

Continuing our library oral history project this month, Pam and Stave Panzik volunteered to share their recollections of acquisitions and installations of Railroad artifacts at the Klamath & Western RR. Pictured here a relay cabinet acquired and refurbished by Panziks, and currently being used as K&W RR Welcome Kiosk. The Cabinet was used by the railroad for storage of relays and batteries.



In preparation for our sessions with Pam and Steve we have been going through the TM Library newspaper archive. We have found that having a good idea of the time line in which events happen, makes our sessions go more smoothly and accurately.



We are so grateful to Art Crisp for his sharing his time with us in the weeks just prior to his passing. What really shined through all of our hours of recording was his never ending devotion for TM and the K&W RR.

The TM Library wishes everyone a happy holiday season and New Year!

I AM NOT A ROBOT!

There have been a few changes made to the member's site, specifically where payment information is entered. The most noticeable change is that we have added a question asking if you are a robot. You check the box and depending on a bunch of things, you may be asked to choose from a set of pictures. You may be asked to click the pictures that show street signs, or click on pictures that show store fronts. It seems silly, but the questions and challenges are carefully crafted and updated by Google, and have an amazing success rate at determining if the entity pressing the keys is a real person or a computer program ("robot") trying to gain access.

The technology is called "CAPTCHA", or in our case "reCAPTCHA" and is quickly being the standard for online protection against robots, which pose a real problem to web sites. This is replacing the (to me) very irritating practice of trying to figure out what letters and numbers they are showing in fuzzy text. If you have questions or problems getting around the new challenge (or if you are a robot!), feel free to give Joyce a call in the office.

Dale Furseth

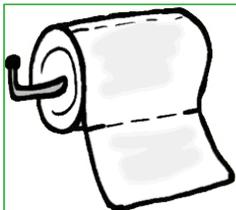
"the computer guy"

Volunteer Hours Reporting

Dale Furseth has worked his techie magic on the member's part of our website again. You can now report your monthly volunteer hours online. From the Train Mountain Railroad home page, click on "Online Member Resources: Join Train Mountain: "Register for Meets", then on "Enter Volunteer Hours" or go there directly with this link: https://trainmtn.org/tmr-members/Member_VolunteerHours.aspx

Choose your name from the drop down menu, enter your total hours in the box that matches the month you are reporting your hours for and click on "Update Information" to submit them. So-o-o simple! We hope you enjoy using this new feature.

Please submit your volunteer hours. If you work off site or at home on Train Mountain projects - these hours count.



REMEMBER: No job is complete without the paperwork!

WEB-CAM GALLERY

Photos by: The Web-Cam



NOTICES

PUBLICATION DEADLINE:

Submissions to the Gazette must be received by the 15th of the month of publication. The fifteenth of the month is to be the last day to submit material. Material received after the 15th of the month may be held until the following month or rejected.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA

Articles and ads may be submitted via a pdf file, MS WORD, Open Office, or similar text file. Please use a common open source FONT such as ARIAL that can be displayed in all Browsers, and is easy to read. Please do NOT use the Calibri font, as we must take the time to convert it to Arial.

If your document has an embedded image, you must also include the image separately as a jpg, png, or similar image file.

Gate Code

Due to security concerns, the Gate Code for the Train Mountain Main Gate may be changed at any time without notice. Any Member planning to arrive at Train Mountain when the Office is closed will need to contact the Office prior to arrival to ensure they have the current Gate Code.

Visitors to Train Mountain:

Train Mountain is very popular and is continually attracting visitors from throughout the world. We announce that our hours are from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM Monday through Friday during the summer, and 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM during the winter. The office is closed on weekends except during meets, and then only when volunteers are available to open the office.

Our insurance advisors request that all people (members and visitors) complete and sign a liability release. If **YOU** as a member encounter visitors on the property without a visitors pass please direct them to the office so that we can insure that a release has been completed and a visitors pass has been issued.

If **YOU**, as a member, open the gate and allow visitors to pass through - **YOU** are responsible to see that the release has been completed, and **YOU** are liable for them until they sign a release. Releases are available in the mailboxes near the office for those times the office is closed. There are also releases available in the kitchen and in the back shop.

If you do not want to, or do not have the time to, ensure that the releases are completed - then please graciously explain that the train park is closed to visitors and that the open hours are normally (Winter - 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM)(Summer - 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM) Monday through Friday. To arrange other hours visitors should call the office at 541-783-3030.

Train Mountain is a NO SMOKING Facility

**During recent events, many Members and their Guests have been ignoring this policy.
There are only three designated smoking areas at Train Mountain:**

- (1) Outside the front of the Backshop**
- (2) Outside the east door of the Hall of Flags**
- (3) Outside the Motor Pool (Maintenance Building)**

Due to the high fire danger at Train Mountain during the summer, we have zero tolerance for anyone smoking outside one of the designated areas.

There is NO SMOKING anywhere out on the track!

Members, Guests, and Visitors that continue to violate the Train Mountain Smoking Policy may be asked to leave.

Train Mountain EMAIL

Is presently out of service. Please contact Joyce via email at trnmtn.joyce@gmail.com

The Gazette EMAIL Notice IS PRESENTLY OUT OF SERVICE. Until the bulk email service is restored, the Gazette will be published on the Train Mountain website around the end of each month without email notice.

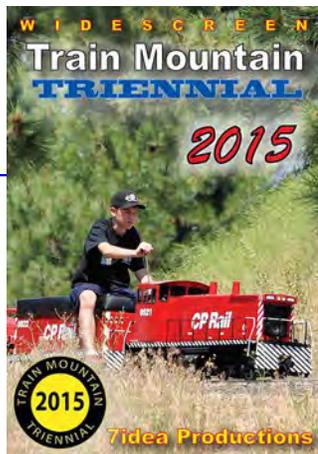
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CLASSIFIEDS



2015 Triennial Video is available now!

The 2015 Train Mountain Triennial video from Aaron Bentsen at 7Idea Productions is now available through the [Train Mountain on-line store](#) or the main office at Train Mountain. Give them a call at 541-783-3030 and get a copy on the way to your place. It's \$29.95 for the video and free shipping and handling lower 48, \$6 S&H for all others. A most enjoyable video shot by a true video artist and of course our favorite subject, Train Mountain!



Our good friend Jim over at Discover Live Steam has placed ads for us on his terrific website, thanks Jim. discoverlivesteam.com Did you see the great article and front cover story from the November / December 2015 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading? It is a great article covering the 2015 Triennial. and the great gang of folks that hang around the place and put on terrific live steam train meets. Pretty cool! web: livesteam.net



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 1/4 Page: \$40/month or \$400/year
 1/2 Page: \$70/month or \$700/year
 Full Page: \$125/month or \$1250/year

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What is Amazon Smile?

In a nutshell, it is a way for Train Mountain to receive 501c3 donations from Amazon.

According to Amazon: AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

When you go to Amazon Smile, choose Train Mountain Institute as your charity. In order for this to work, you must always start from Amazon Smile. Then all else is the same, your account, wish lists, etc. Also available is a direct link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-4031025> for the TMI account.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. I found that just about everything I purchased lately is eligible.

If we can get a large number of Train Mountain supporters to take advantage of the Amazon Smile program, this could result in sizable donations to Train Mountain.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Kla-Mo-Ya Casino

34333 Hwy 97 N
Chiloquin, OR 97624
541-783-7529 or 1-888-KLAMOYA
www.klamoyacasino.com

Kla-Mo-Ya Casino opened in 1997 and is owned and operated by the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Tribes. Set in the beautiful pines of Southern Oregon, we are located on Highway 97 near the junction of Highway 62 (Crater Lake Highway).

We are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and welcome travelers and groups from across the country year round.

Our Peak to Peak Restaurant is open 24 hours a day, with a full service lounge and beverage service available out on the gaming floor. Choose from great menu items like juicy steaks, classic salads and pastas, or try our beefy Triple 7 Burger if you are *really* hungry. Dine in or take out, we have a host of friendly staff to serve you. Check out our current menu from the Dining page of our website, and watch for monthly special features. The Peak to Peak restaurant welcomes groups, meetings or parties for special occasions.

Open from 7am to 9pm, the Espresso Bar serves a wide variety of espresso and coffee drinks, hot or cold, as well as fruit smoothies, frozen yogurt, desserts, and quick to-go lunches.

Our gaming floor has 344 slots with new games and themes being brought in all the time. Find out about our current slot promotions and check out recent jackpot winners on our website and Facebook page.

Try your hand at one of our four Blackjack tables. We offer double deck and six-deck blackjack with \$3 tables available every Monday. Keep up with promotions and tournaments available by checking our website.

Hours of operation:

Weds & Thurs: 12 noon – 8pm

Friday through Sunday: 12
Noon – 12 Midnight

(closing times may vary depending on play)

Stop by the Bonus Club to sign up for a free membership card to earn rewards and qualify for our many promotions and giveaways. While you are there, browse through the unique selection of items in our Gift Shop.

RVers, Truckers and large vehicles are always welcome, with plenty of free overnight parking available. Stop by the Bonus Club to ask about discounts and perks.

Come enjoy the warmth and excitement of Kla-Mo-Ya casino.



Crater Lake Junction Travel Center

34005 Hwy 97 N
Chiloquin, OR 97624
541-783-9800

The Crater Lake Junction Travel Center opened for business in 2010, and is owned by the Klamath, Modoc and Ya-hooskin Tribes. Open 24 hours a day and located just next door to Kla-Mo-Ya Casino as you enter, this travel center offers competitive fuel prices and many convenience items.

Travelers can fuel up with gas, diesel, or propane. Stop in for a snack or soda, or grab a quick meal featuring Mexi-Go or Mountain Fresh Pizza. Free Wi-Fi, a comfortable lounge with large screen TVs, laundry and shower facilities, and ATMs are all available.

Make sure to ask for a Crater Lake Junction Travel Center rewards membership card so that you can earn points for each purchase and visit. Your earned points can be applied toward future purchases.

Truckers, ask about trucker services and benefits for each visit. Convenience items and truck accessories are for sale, along with many useful daily provisions.

Crater Lake National Park

Crater Lake National Park is located off Highway 62, just 34 miles from Kla-Mo-Ya Casino and the Crater Lake Junction Travel Center. After playing and fueling up, discover the world-famous beauty and amazing history of Crater Lake. Groups and parties, ask about casino shuttle service for your outing or adventure.

Shuttle Service to and from Train Mountain

Kla-Mo-Ya Casino and the Crater Lake Junction Travel Center are also offering a free shuttle service for Train Mountain Members, Guests and Visitors.

Train Mountain people should see the TM Office for more details, schedules, and special events.