



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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## June

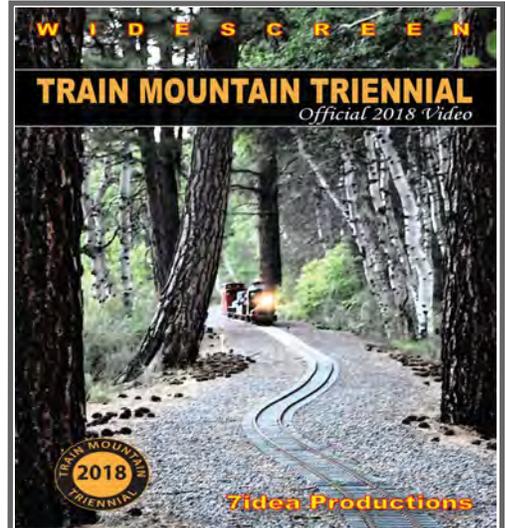
“May you live in interesting times” certainly applies to 2020! As we embark on Phase 2, *the art of getting back to normal*, let’s approach this season with patience, understanding, and hopefully somewhere along the way, let’s try to have some fun. At the beginning of June we were allowed to let members come back to their own park, what a concept! As such the first bunch was greeted with a railroad that has been virtually unused for many months. They were also greeted by some of us that were less than organized to start up a shortened new season. It’s the little things, like, where’s the rakes? We also got the same question from them, what is there to be done? So my suggestion was, fire up your train, go for a little cruise around your railroad, and trust me, you’ll find out what has to be done. We are two work weeks and two meets behind, we also haven’t had you folks here to assist in all of these projects. We also are discovering all of the park parts that are having issues coming back to life!

The first batch of worker bees have been doing a killer job of getting the park at least semi presentable and we are actually able see the track in some places! Debra has been doing her normal great job of making the place very pretty with blooming flowers everywhere and of course the grounds look great!

I am always so impressed by the way, you the members, always respond to any requests that the home office might put forward. Thank you all, we do appreciate it!

So let me repeat my opening statement—*let’s approach this season with patience, understanding, and hopefully somewhere along the way, let’s try to have some fun!*

### 2018 TRIENNIAL VIDEO AVAILABLE NOW



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Or Go To:

<https://trainmtn.org/tmrmembers/videosales1.aspx>



***Tick, Tick, Tick, Tick!***

For local Lodging please go to our web site and click on Local Lodging. We think it’s accurate as of last summer so if you call one of these folks, and they have changed or are no longer available PLEASE let us know.



## Triennial 2021

Prep June 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Meet June 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

## From the Desk of Train Mountain Railroad President June 2020

By Jeff Mills, TMRR Board President

June finds us in Phase Two in Klamath County with slight easing of restrictions regarding the Covid#19 Pandemic. Train Mountain is open to members **only** with limited access to all buildings. We are going ahead with the June meet as scheduled from June 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. The Operations Meet has been postponed until the August Meet dates of July 25<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This scheduling of the OPS Meet is the same as it has been in Triennial years.

The June Meet will be a Work Week with open running only after 4:00 PM Saturday thru Thursday and all day Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. Activities will be limited to the open areas outdoors. **Social distancing must be observed at all times.** Please respect your fellow members by employing this. Entrance to any of the buildings is prohibited except for Coordinator assigned volunteer work. The Morning meetings will be held outside in the Central Station Switching Yard. A coffee machine will be set up on the porch for those who require a morning cup of "Joe". There can be no Banquets until they are allowed within the county according to state guidelines.

There are many tasks required due to our delayed opening. Raking, hauling of debris, and track work among only a few. Bert Newberry and Dick Miller are organizing a Track Trimming crew. They need volunteers for this crew. Please refer to Dick Miller's article regarding this task. It will be educational and require the use of multiple trains to transport ballast.

The **Ops Meet** Committee has been hard at work organizing this year's Ops. As during last year's meet, Ops will begin on Thursday with car recovery on Sunday. This meet will consist entirely of outdoor activities. **Please sign up early** if you are coming. Look for more information from the Ops committee in Gazette articles and on Social media.

The Event Office will be open to assist the Business Office with many tasks. Please observe social distancing while waiting to talk to one of their volunteers regarding Member packets, name tags, Volunteer Sign ups, Lost and Found. The Business Office will restrict member entrance to 1 person at a time and should only be consulted for membership, and Meet fees not paid online, paying for camping, fuel, rooms, and any other routine business. Please try to use the online registration features for those functions whenever possible.

The only fully equipped restrooms available on site are outside on the East side of Central Station. There will be porta-potties, Wash stations and Hand Sanitizers placed around the property for member use and safety. The shower and bathroom at the Motor Pool are not available to members. The nearby Crater Lake Travel Center has Showers (\$12 fee) and coin-operated Laundry facilities are currently available to the public. Their food service counters are also open. They sell propane and ice, as well.

Be sure to check on the availability of lodging and other food services before you arrive. The local restaurants openings are varied and have limited inside/outside seating while others are Take-out only. Some were still closed as of this writing.

We are fortunate to be able to come to Train Mountain at this time to run our trains **and** do vital volunteer work. Please observe all the restrictions placed on Train Mountain Institute so we can continue with these activities. There will be additional signage and notices on the property, on our website and in this Gazette regarding those restrictions. Please take the time to read these. If you are "symptomatic" or are hesitant at all about coming to Train Mountain, please stay home. We want to maintain a safe experience for everyone. We look forward to members coming to enjoy Train Mountain once again and get us ready to take on new endeavors in 2021.

## Article Number Ten on “Understanding TM” By: Jerry Crane

This month’s Gazette article will complete our look at Train Mountain’s utility systems. In previous articles we have looked at our water, septic and electrical systems. This month’s article will cover the heating, telecommunications, and garbage removal systems.

### Understanding Train Mountain Utilities

Train Mountain’s utilities are electrical, water, heating, telecommunications, sewage removal and garbage removal.

There are “Understanding TM” documents that cover our electrical, water and septic systems.

Our heating is almost all provided by propane heaters. See the Understanding Train Mountain Fuel Tanks document for a description of the propane system. We do use several small electric heaters in the winter at several locations such as the water well pump houses. There is a heat pump unit located in the Steiger Butte building that provides both heating and air conditioning. Our largest utility expense is for propane used for heating.

Our telecommunications are provided by Hunter Communications. They provide both telephone and internet services using a fiber optic line to TM. We have four WiFi systems. One in the Hall of flags that is open to members, one in the TM office, one at the Blue Caboose camping area that is open to members and one at the switch tower at Central Station.

Almost all of our sewage removal is done with septic tanks. See the Understanding Train Mountain Septic System document for a description of the septic system. We also use porta potties at several locations where there is no access to a septic tank. The porta potties are provided by and serviced by Jefferson State Plumbing.

Garbage removal is provided by Waste Management services. We have two dumpsters, one by the wood shop and one by the motor pool. These dumpsters are emptied once a week.

Last Update June 11, 2020 By: Jerry Crane



# Train Mountain 2020 Operations Meet Rescheduled

## \*\*\*New Dates\*\*\*

By Richard Croll, Trainmaster

The Operations Committee, with the approval of the TMRR Board of Directors, has rescheduled the 2020 Operations Meet to Thursday, July 30 through Sunday, August 2. The work week dates are Saturday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 29. This is subject to change due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic.

We plan to do the full Operations Meet format like we have done in the past. This includes passenger train operation by timetable, and freight switching using waybills. We also plan to have the dispatcher and tower working during the meet.

We will be working to comply with whatever health mandates are in place at the time the meet takes place, which may include maintaining social distancing, wearing face coverings and hand washing. As stated previously in the Gazette, there will be no banquet at this year's meet.

Because of all the uncertainty this year, it is especially important to pre-register for the meet, or if you have registered for all meets, let the office know you will be there for the Operations Meet.

While there is no requirement to bring equipment to the Ops Meet, we do encourage members to bring freight cars to add to the pool. It is a great opportunity to see your cars in operation. Great care is taken to insure the cars are not damaged. All cars must go through an inspection to be sure the couplers work, and that they have correct safety chains. This is done in the back shop, and any needed repairs can be done there by their owners. If you would like to put cars into the pool, please email Jim Armstrong at [armstrong.jandg@gmail.com](mailto:armstrong.jandg@gmail.com) with details of what you want to provide.

Volunteers are always needed at Train Mountain, and the Operations Meet has plenty of opportunities. **The schedule for the work week is as follows:**

- Sunday-July 26-gather up the TMRR cars used during the ops.
- Monday-July 27-car inspection and initial sorting
- Tuesday-July 28-final sorting and additional inspection
- Wednesday-July 29-additional inspection and spotting cars on the railroad

Volunteers are needed for all those tasks, and the Wednesday car spotting has always been a favorite, plus it is a good chance to get familiar with the railroad.

The actual meet will start on Thursday with a general briefing meeting at 8:30AM.

Sunday will be spent gathering up all the cars and getting them back to their owners or storage locations. We always need plenty of help with this, and the more crews we have, the quicker the job is done.

Please make plans to attend the Operations Meet. There will be plenty of fun and camaraderie for all.

If you have any questions, wish to volunteer or provide equipment, please email me at [Railroc66@yahoo.com](mailto:Railroc66@yahoo.com), or call 510-227-9174.

### Join Train Mountain Now!

Register or Join - [https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/Member\\_Portal.aspx](https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/Member_Portal.aspx)

## From The Back Shop - Boyd Butler

Well our first official meet is upon us and I do hope everyone that is able to come enjoys it. There is lot's to do out on the track getting it ready for the year. I have also done some things in the back shop over the winter.

I installed a lift that was donated by Jeff Pape about a year ago finally with the help of Richard and Dustin. The other lift didn't work out for our use as nice as it was, because it would not take jogging that we have to do in our use of it. The old hoist will be up for sale soon as I can get it down. Any proceeds, Jeff Mills said, will go to the Back Shop fund. That brings another item up, the Back Shop is there for member use 24-7 and it's not funded with dues. Many use it and never donate anything. Since the last meet we have had zero donations in the box yet one member used it several times for welding and cutting. This member is just one of several that have used the shop and it's stash of materials. It helps out if there would be a donation even small to offset supplies that are consumed, IE nuts, bolts, rags and such. Another item is, I am not every one's house keeper, so clean up, put tools back where they should be not just close, and if there is someone else that left something put it away too please. I have plenty to do but can tell when members start coming back every year.

Jeff Mills also donated quite a few tools from a Kitsap Live Steam club member who passed. Some of these tools i will put up for sale. This again will be for donations to the Back Shop. I have done the best on getting the large band saw to run right most of the time, it does, but once in a while cutting a large solid block of steel it will hop off. So if it does just put it back on as that's a new blade I had to purchase for it.

There are several projects that I am doing right now the most important is getting all of the grey ballast cars ready for use during the first meet. Most have brake problems so am rebuilding every cars brakes right now and should be done by Friday the 19th. They all have straight air brakes on them. Any problems please let me know and park it on the rip track between the Back Shop tracks and the center bay tracks. I will check each day during the meet to see if any need repair. That goes for any of the Train Mountain rolling stock, but not the engines. I want to do the required repairs so know they are done to TM way of doing them. That includes safety chains or cables. If repairs are required please leave a note in the Back Shop on the tool box below the phone.

Please leave a note on the board if there is anything someone would like to see us get for the shop or ask me what might be needed. It's your shop to use, please treat it like you would if working in one for a living is all I ask. And if you need me to repair something let me know if I am on site. Due to personal issues I will only be there if I see on camera a car is parked on the rip track for repair.

Have a great time. Enjoy yourselves! Boyd Butler.

### 2020 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule

	Polar Bear Train Meet	Spring Awakening Train Meet	Narrow Gauge Train Meet	Train Meet	2020 Ops Meet August	Big Build Train Meet	Fall Colors Train Meet
<b>Work Week</b>	none	5/7 to 5/7	5/27 to 5/27	6/20 to 6/24	7/25 to 7/30	8/29 to 9/3	none
<b>Meet</b>	1/11 to 1/20	5/8 to 5/10	5/29 to 5/31	6/25 to 6/28	7/31 to 8/2	9/4 to 9/6	10/9 to 10/12

**Register to attend a Train Mountain Meet Now!**

## GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS - Dick Miller / Bert Newberry

The good news is that Train Mountain is now open to members and member guests. More good news is the meet coming up starting June 20<sup>th</sup>. This is not the Operations Meet that has been postponed until August. Not knowing what the State of Oregon and Klamath County would permit, and when, it became impossible to plan a full operations meet for June.

Now for the bad news, which is the condition current of the railroad. The winter and the lack of our wonderful cadre of volunteers for the past cancelled meets are showing in the annual normal track issues due to frost heaves, erosion, pine needles and pinecones. Catch up work must be done to tune up the track to avoid derailments. The bad news is actually good news since work and play are synonymous terms at Train Mountain. We need some members to assist us and experience isn't required since the work will include training on the ways the long time members have learned over the years to maintain the unique track conditions at Train Mountain. Training will be at 8:30 Mon-Wed starting at the Central Station yard. After preliminary discussions we will adjourn to some track areas needing our assistance. Once you and your instructors are comfortable about your recently learned skills you will be free to continue on your own or in smaller groups. The goal is to get as much tuned up as we can this work week.

In addition to the training there will be a meeting, with coffee, on the Central Station platform each work week morning. You can volunteer at that time, Most of the non-track tuning work is done using trains. The priority is to get the track work done, but those that can't do that, there are still plenty of pine cones and pine needles that need to be hauled to the burn pit.

And camping is permitted on site.

And, you may operate your trains any time you wish before 8:30 am and after 4:30 pm, and all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the meet. The exception would be if you are using your train as one of the many needed work trains. We look forward to seeing all members that can join the fun. If we can count on you for doing some track work, please so advice by email as to what you can do as this will greatly help with the planning. Social distancing and other health guidelines will be applied.

## AMAZON SMILE Accounting

This is your quarterly AmazonSmile donation notification. Your charity, **Train Mountain Institute**, recently received a quarterly donation of **\$139.58** thanks to customers shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of:

- **\$1,055.44** to Train Mountain Institute
- **\$169,850,767.10** to all charities

Thank you for supporting Train Mountain Institute by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). You can track your impact throughout the year at your [My Impact page](#)."

# WEB-CAM GALLERY

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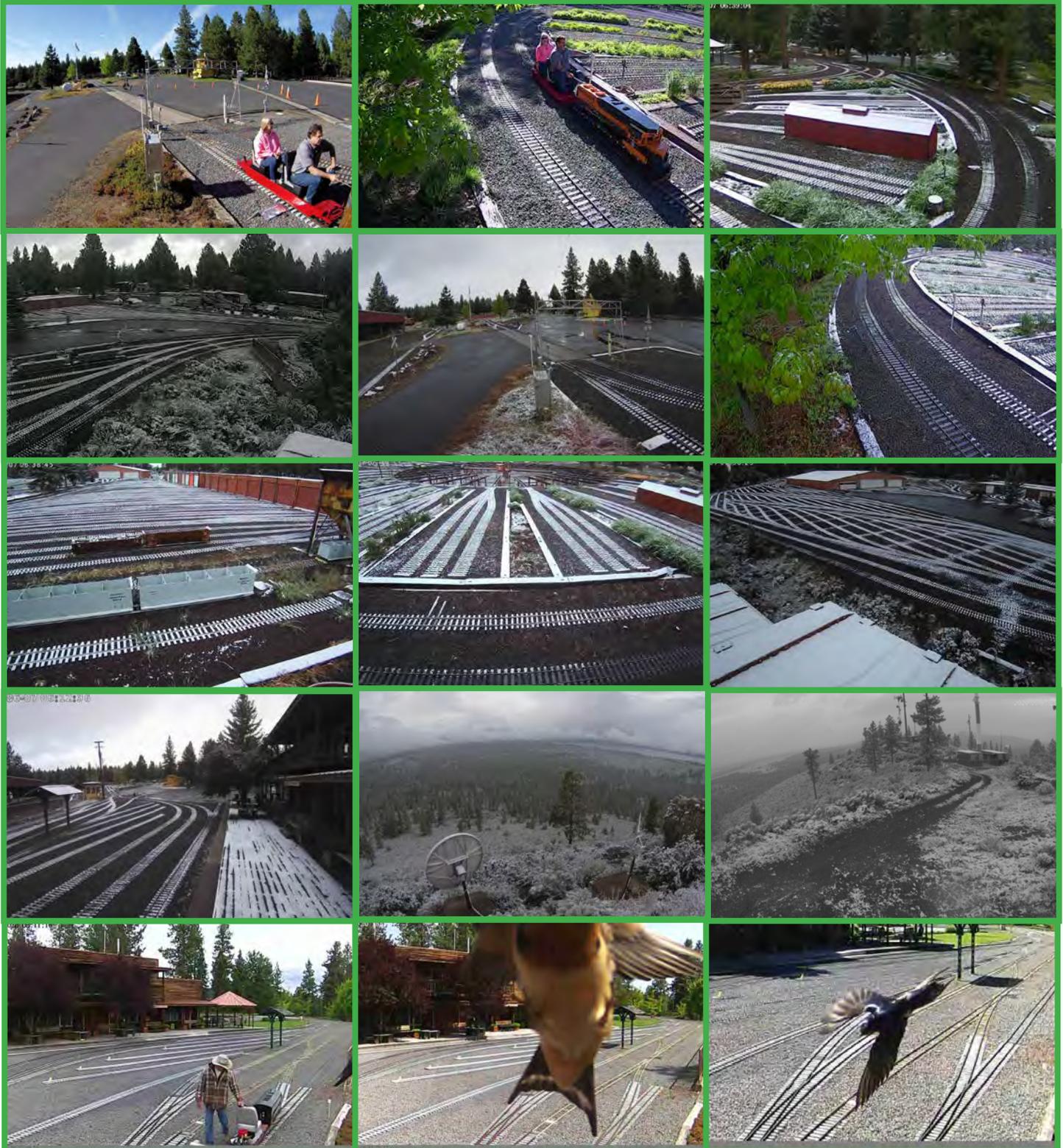
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# HISTORICAL

A little dirt work on the initial passes.



Some finish grading and almost ready



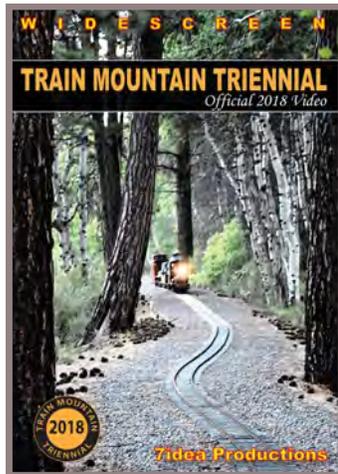
Final pass, where's the track crew?



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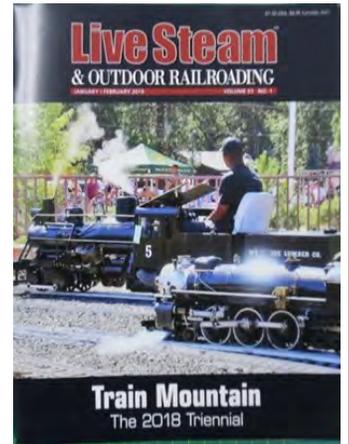
## 2018 Triennial Video Now Available

The 2018 Train Mountain Triennial video from Aaron Benson at 7Idea Productions is now available. You can order online at the link shown or you can call the office at 541-783-3030 to get your copy. This is a most enjoyable video created by a true video artist and of course it just happens to be about our most favorite subject! The cost of the video is just \$29.95, quite a bargain!



Our good friend Jim over at Discover Live Steam has placed ads for us on his terrific website, thanks Jim. [discoverlivesteam.com](http://discoverlivesteam.com)

Did you see the great article and front cover story from the January / February 2019 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading? It is a great article covering the 2018 Triennial. and the great gang of folks that hang around the place and put on terrific live steam trainmeets. As an added bonus there is a photo album by member Michelle Moore! How about that! Pretty cool!



**SALE!**

### OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER TRAIN CLUBS

**SALE!**

How would you like to have your very own Time-Share house and shop near the World's Largest Hobby Railroad? Think out of the box! A four BR, 2 Bath good house and **big insulated shop** for trains, etc. On 10.27 acres. Updated cabinetry in kitchen, laminate flooring in much of the house. Landscaping. Approx. **2120 square feet**. Detached **two car garage**. Space for RV and hook up. Easy access to HWY 97. Directions: North on Hwy 97. Turn east on Rainbow Park Dr., first driveway to left.

**109 Rainbow Park Dr., Chiloquin, OR - \$279,000**

This could be used as a Time-Share and be owned by three or four club members. A great place for members, children, grandchildren and train work, storage, etc.

**Call S. Rickman at (541) 783-3798 or Frank Bartholomew (209) 966-4322.**

**This is your newsletter!**  
**Thank you to everyone that took the**  
**time to submit articles this month.**  
**Please keep it up!**

# Crater Lake/ Train Mountain Vacation Rentals

## Crater Lake Chalet

Located on Hwy 422, only 1 mile off Hwy 62 and 2 miles from Hwy 97 in the Chiloquin area. This house is at north end of Train Mountain and contiguous to Train Mountain.



This comfortable house sits on 35 beautiful acres. 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Can sleep up to 6 people.

## Panoramic View Ranch House / Crater Lake

This ranch house is located on Hwy 62, and attaches to the west side of Train Mountain.

The 56 acres, panoramic views of Agency Lake and



the Cascades. Enjoy a peaceful and private experience. 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.

Can sleep up to 8 people.



For more information please call: **Julie 415-756-3943** or **Mike 415-420-9026**

**10% off for train mountain members**

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## Train Mountain Railroad and Sleep Inn Hotel

Sleep Inn is the new hotel located next to the Casino in Chiloquin. The manager is **Mr. Ellsworth** and he has worked with Train Mountain for several years in his past capacity as manager of the Travel Center. The Front Desk number is 541-827-5300. He has stated that the 2019 season is already getting booked so if you would like to stay at the Sleep Inn I would strongly suggest you make your reservations now. Make sure you inform them you are a Train Mountain member to get the best rate. It is a brand new facility and has lots of great amenities not the least which is they are just across Hwy 97 from the park.

Amenities include:

- **Free WiFi**
- **Free breakfast**
- **Meeting space**
- **Fitness center**
- **Indoor heated pool**

Guest rooms feature:

- **Refrigerator and microwave**
- **Premium bedding**
- **Work desk**
- **Flat-screen TV**
- **Coffee maker**

Sleep Inn & Suites® hotel offers easy access to a variety of local attractions, including the Kla-Mo-Ya Casino and:

- **Crater Lake National Park**
- **Klamath Falls**
- **Train Mountain Railroad Museum**
- **Klamath Marsh Wildlife Refuge**
- **Collier Memorial State Park**

Front Desk number is 541-827-5300 ask for the Train Mountain discounted rate.

**Please Volunteer at a Train Mountain Meet!**

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## THE POTBELLY CAFE



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## 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 Yahooskin 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 food to go or you can eat it there, Free Wi-Fi, a comfortable lounge with large screen TVs, laundry and shower facilities, and ATMs are all available.

**WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS**

**DON'T YELL AT ME, I AM A VOLUNTEER!**

# Banquet Ticket Sales

It is very important to purchase your Meet Banquet Tickets by Noon on the Friday before the Meets Saturday Banquet.

We must get the number of attendees to the caterer to make sure there is enough food to feed everyone.

If you plan to arrive on the Friday of a Meet, please call the TMRR Office during business hours and provide your name and number of guests so we can add those to the attendee count.

We want everyone to have the opportunity to attend

## HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SELL?

Place an ad in the Gazette!

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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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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!**

# 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/tmrrmembers/Member\\_VolunteerHours.aspx](https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/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 protect our beautiful forested land, thanks!**

# NOTICES

## **Gazette 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, notepad, or similar text file attached to an email. The email SUBJECT line must include your article title and a date.

Please give each article a distinct file name with your name and a date. If everyone submits an article named "article for gazette" or something similar it will often get overwritten by another article with the same name when downloading. Articles sent as text in a email text will no longer be accepted.

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,

## **Visitors to Train Mountain and YOU:**

Train Mountain is very popular and is continually attracting visitors from throughout the world. We announce that our hours are from 9:00 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 when 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

**Please Volunteer at a Train Mountain Meet!**

## **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.**

## **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.

## **New 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.**

**Get New Gate Code—Call Office 541-783-3030**

