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July

What a great Work Week and Meet we had for our **FIRST** Meet of 2020! For a follow up to that meet we jump right into our annual Operations Meet. Running Train Mountain just like a real railroad with way freights, passenger trains, and all sorts of things to totally confuse old guys like me. 🤔

This issue also marks the official announcement concerning the next Train Mountain Triennial. Please see the article that explains some of the issues concerning the scheduling of such a large RURAL International event.

On the good news front, the few brave souls that have ventured out into the wilds of pandemic land have done quite a bit of work on the railroad and of course the wonderful gang of rakers and haulers have the park looking pretty cool.

The closest thing we've done to allowing the public in is to still honor our agreement with the wonderful folks at Harvest Host. They are RV'ers and spend a night and then hit the road again. They donate to the park and most are very generous in these donations. If they have time in their schedule we also might take them for a quickie around part of the park.

Dennis has written an article with some pix that show some of his track projects completed so far. This mainly concerns his track projects but add to these projects the other projects accomplished so far, it's a great 2020 start!

One of the many different things going on was the Visitor Center during the last meet was used as an outside part of the office keeping the Front Office clear of congestion and confusion. It was manned by volunteers daily and I think it worked very well.

Next up is our much anticipated Operations Meet. Lots of folks have been working very hard behind the scenes to make this another stellar event. The 37 miles of track gets run just like a real railroad with way freight switching, passenger service, even some time table stuff! Every train needs crew to assist so even if you don't have a train, please come and we will get you a seat! See this issue for some of the really cool details.

TMRR BOARD ELECTION TIME AGAIN

Train Mountain Railroad Board elections are coming up in **August**. TMRR is soliciting candidates now. If you are interested in being a candidate, please contact TMRR Vice-President, John Cooper at

ELECTION johncoop@charter.net **ELECTION**

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.

Join Train Mountain Now!

Register or Join - https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/Member_Portal.aspx

From the Desk of Train Mountain Railroad President July 2020

By Jeff Mills, TMRR Board President

A Postponement of the 2021 Triennial

It is with great regret that the TMRR Board decided to postpone the 2021 Triennial. All is not lost as we are planning on holding the **Triennial + 1** meet in **2022**. A decision has not been made yet on the 2022 dates. Those will be decided by the TMRR Board by the end of July. Future Triennials will be held 3 years from these revised dates.

There were many **factors** considered in this decision. Planning for Triennial begins early the year before and we are already 6 months behind in those **planning** processes. We lack any Administrative and Coordinator volunteers. There has been no proper **review of the 2018** Triennial or the accumulated data which shows us where to make improvements for the next event.

We missed 3 **work weeks** critical to the preparation for a 2021 Triennial. The first actual work week was in June but all that was accomplished was basic maintenance with no infrastructure improvements begun.

Additionally, the entire **food service** industry is in turmoil and uncertain futures for many of our local vendors. We therefore lack the necessary time to secure reliable service contracts for a 2021 event of that magnitude.

This delay allows TMI to get vital infrastructure projects completed. The big one is a **restroom/shower/laundry facility** in the 6 Acre campground. The perk tests were completed and once the results are available, engineering plans for the septic system can be accomplished and permits requested. Also, the **Boy Scouts** Camperall for 2021 has been cancelled. Their next one will be in 2024. Combined with our postponement, now their event will be out of sync with Triennial years so TMI can once again host a future Camperall. An additional consideration in our postponement is those who must make travel arrangements can do so with fewer restrictions in place.

Klamath County is currently in Phase 2 of reopening which in simple terms does not allow outdoor gatherings of over 100 people. The Oregon Governor has stated that Phase 3 will not be adopted until there is a vaccine or cure for Covid19.

What is needed most **at this time** are members to become **Triennial Administrators** for the **2022 Triennial**. Administrators make dozens of arrangements which must be formalized well before the event. They include securing extra **Garbage service, Food Service Vendors, Sanitation stations, and a myriad of infrastructure preparations**. The individuals who have done this in the past are ready to hand over these vital tasks to other members. They will assist anyone who wishes to do this important work, so it will be easier than starting from scratch. Separately, we will also need members to be Volunteer Coordinators for this event.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me or the Front office. Please follow The Mountain Gazette and social media for updates as they become available.

2020 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule

	Polar Bear Train Meet	Spring Awakening Train Meet	Narrow Gauge Train Meet	Operations Train Meet	2020 Ops Meet August	Big Build Train Meet	Fall Colors Train Meet
Work Week	none	5/17 to 5/17	5/17 to 5/18	6/12 to 6/14	7/125 to 7/129	8/129 to 9/13	none
Meet	11/7 to 11/20	5/18 to 5/19	7/29 to 7/31	6/125 to 6/128	7/30 to 8/12	9/105 to 9/106	10/19 to 10/12

Article Number eleven on “Understanding TM” By: Jerry Crane

We have looked at TM history, corporate structure, track and utilities in the last several understanding articles. This month let's take a look at TM's physical makeup.

Understanding Train Mountain Real & Personal Property

Real Property

Greater Train Mountain owns 38 parcels of real property. There is over 2,200 acres of land under these properties and about 20 permanent structures on the land. There are also about 100 movable structures at TM, made up of full sized railroad cars, storage containers and sheds. All of the TM properties lay in a triangle of land that is bordered on the east by US highway 97, on the west by State highway 62 and on the north by State highway 422.

When Quentin stopped purchasing property there were 44 parcels of real property that were owned by the three heritage Train Mountain corporations. Since then five parcels have been sold, two have been added and three were never transferred to Train Mountain Institute. See attached map that shows our numbering system for the parcels. We own parcels 1 through 42, less numbers 36 and 32 that was sold to Vertel and 23 and 24 that were sold to Dobbs. The two parcels added are number 4 that was bought by Friends of Train Mountain from Quentin and number 42 that was willed to Train Mountain Institute by Bill Farmer. There were three properties in downtown Chiloquin that were never transferred to Train Mountain. We did not pay to remove the IRS liens on these three properties. The properties we now own, less parcels 4 and 42, are held by three holding companies. Friends of Train Mountain wholly or partially lease 22 of the 38 parcels. Detailed information on each parcel can be found in a document held in the TM office.

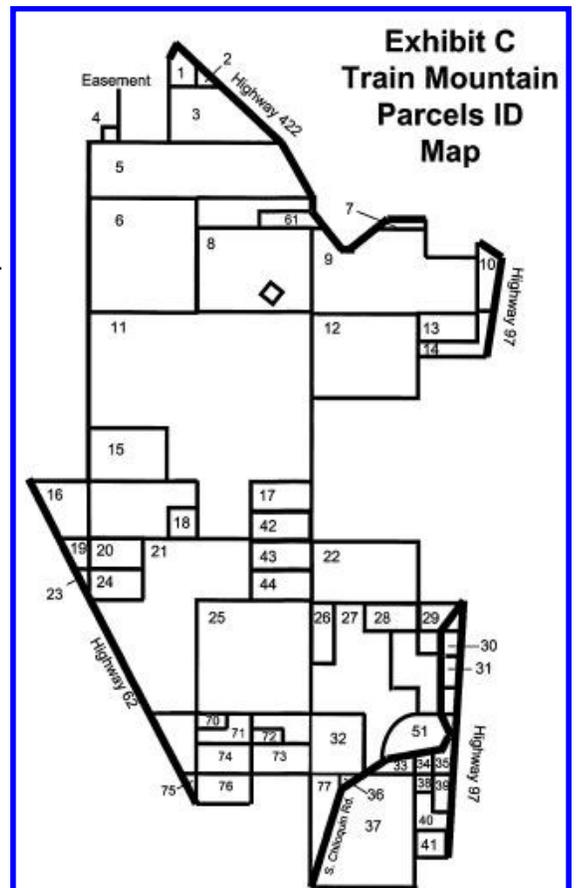
The three holding companies are Train Mountain Holding A LLC, Train Mountain Holdings B LLC and Train Mountain Holdings C LLC. They were incorporated in the State of Oregon on May 7, 2013. The one shareholder in each of the companies is Train Mountain Institute.

We receive 40 tax statements from Klamath County in late October each year. There are two statements each for parcels 35 and 40. We must pay the full taxed amount by mid November (date on statement) to receive a 3% discount.

Personal Property

The State of Oregon taxes corporations on the value of personal property owned. In February Klamath County sends a Personal Property Return that must be returned to them by March 15th. This return must be corrected to show all item owned at the end of the previous year. All items that are no longer owned are removed from the previous year's list and items purchased during the last year are added. We receive a tax statement from Klamath County in late October each year. We must pay the full taxed amount by mid November (date on statement) to receive a 3% discount.

Last Updated July 10, 2020 By: Jerry Crane



Safety and Use of Train Mountain Equipment

By Jeff Mills TMRR Board President

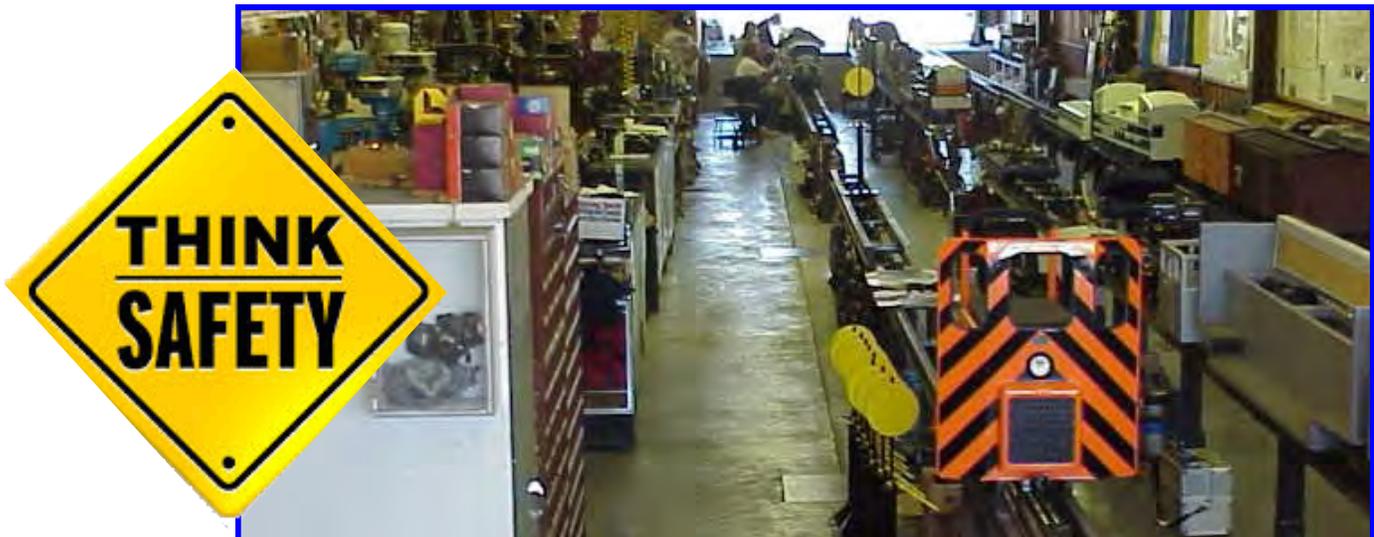
The safe enjoyment of Train Mountain is important for all members and guests. With the current state of affairs, safety has become a priority. Safety goes beyond just safe operation of train equipment but enters into every action we take. Safety must be observed in the shops, on the rails and even driving in and out of the park.

Safety concerns are often referred to me and I take them seriously. I try to personally address them through personal contact with any individuals involved. Many times, it is a matter for education rather than reprimand. The TMRR Board is forming a **Safety Education Committee** and is looking for volunteers to work on this committee. If you are interested, please contact me or any other board member.

The use of **Train Mountain equipment** is a privilege extended to members. Please employ the same concern with the safe operation of this equipment as you would for your own. You may not realize some of this equipment is up to 30 years old and needs everyone's T.L.C.

During the June meet we had **several component failures** on TM equipment. Most of these were **preventable**. Most notable were the damaged brake systems on the ballast hoppers. These ballast hoppers must be operated correctly to prevent destructive derailments. If you are unfamiliar with their operation, please find someone who can provide **instructions**.

The **Backshop** offers a source for emergency repairs of members equipment as well as the maintenance and repair of Train Mountain equipment. Care needs to be taken with all the machines and tools in the shop. **Safety** is of utmost concern but **cleaning up** after completion of your work **and returning tools** to their designated storage place are equally important. The person who comes after you **needs** you to be respectful and **considerate** about using the area. The Backshop also depends upon **donations** of cash or supplies of consumables: Paper towels, hand cleaner, hardware, drill bits, abrasives, and welding gas. If you work on your own equipment, please consider making such a donation as **"thanks"** for using this privilege.



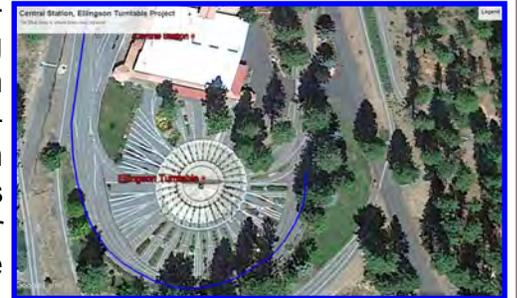
Continuing Upgrades

an article by Dennis Ward—Track Superintendent

I had no article for last month's *The Mountain Gazette*. This month I want to brag about the great track maintainers led by Dale Furseth and his primary helper, Gil Dominguez. We all owe them a big round of appreciation. Since the first of the year the two of them have replaced the main track around the south side of Main Yard. They even returned to this area to make corrections which will help alleviate heat kinks. Also, while working on this upgrade they installed crossovers which allows more direct access to ladders A and B in Main Yard.



The next project was replacing main track around Central Station and Ellingson Turntable. This was followed by upgrading the Colton Cutoff from the Wedding Cake switch to the main track at Colton. They replaced switches built with wooden ties with switches built with plastic ties. Four 100' radius switches were replaced at Bond Siding, and a 75' radius switch at the Blue Diamond coal tipple. They tuned track at Bond, at Colton and on the Panama Canel as well as at a few other places.



During the week of July 6 they supervised a group, led by Chris Donhost, from the Sacramento area, in realigning the passenger loading tracks in front of Central Station. In reality this was a video making drill and most of the work was done by Dale and Gil. They also had assistance, with replacing ballast, from Russ Wood.

In the meantime Charley Bill Schubert has been working in the Track Shop making components which will be used in rebuilding the switches removed by the Dale and Gil team. Some of the components will also be used in building new switches. He has also assembled a few track panels in his spare time.

While all of the above is going on, Bert Newberry, continues to refurbish the track in Main Yard by straightening ties and adding longer track screws. We believe that his work will add about ten years to the life of this track.

While the above projects are being done I have been hauling ballast from the Train Mountain ballast hopper to the new (I propose "Villanova") sub-division which is going in between the Hope Sub-division, at Cooper Siding, and the Rio Grande Northwestern Railroad on the west side of Train Mountain. Bill Dobbs has installed most of the track single handedly, three quarters of a mile on Train Mountain property. We estimate that between 200 and 300 cubic yards of ballast will be needed to secure the track in place. I can haul between 2 and 3 cubic yards each trip with my train. I do this by train because I enjoy the challenge.



Register to attend a Train Mountain Meet Now!

The 2020 Ops Meet is Happening in Just a Few Days! PART ONE

Despite Covid-19's best efforts, Train Mountain has found its way to having a safe and fun event for its members and guests. Things will be a little different this year with our meetings and briefings which will be held just outside of Central Station and also available via a Zoom Meeting session for those of you having appropriate devices that connect with Zoom.

There is another article in this issue of the Gazette which describes a Zoom Meeting and has instructions on how to connect to these types of meetings. We encourage as many attendees as possible to join these meetings via Zoom so we can keep social distancing for those attending in person within a reasonable space to enable everyone to hear and see the Ops Meet information being presented.

When you arrive at Train Mountain for the Ops Meet, there will be a handout when you pick up your badge that will give additional details about the meetings and other precautions necessary so that everyone stays safe while still enjoying one of the most popular meets of the season.

Volunteering to help set-up, run, and wrap-up the meet will be more important than ever this year since pre-registered attendance figures are down compared to previous Ops Meets. We will need your help each day of the shortened Work Week as well as during the actual meet. Like last year, passenger and freight trains will be running Thursday, Friday, and Saturday while Sunday will be wrangling the cars from throughout the railroad and bringing them back to Main Yard.

Here is an abbreviated schedule of activities for both the Work Week and the Meet:
(All train crews should attend all Briefings either in person or via Zoom)

Monday, July 27	Gather and inspect the cars being used for the meet
Tuesday, July 28	Sort the cars into groups for easier spotting on Wednesday
Wednesday, July 29	Use your trains to take cars to their starting sidings (This is almost as fun as the actual meet itself)
Thursday, July 30	
8:30 am	General Ops Briefing (in person or via Zoom)
9:00 am	Passenger Ops Briefing (in person or via Zoom)
9:30 am	Freight Ops Briefing (in person or via Zoom)
10:00 am	Operations Begin
Friday, July 31	
8:30 am	General Ops Briefing (in person or via Zoom)
9:00 am	Operations Begin
Saturday, August 1	
8:30 am	General Ops Briefing (in person or via Zoom)
9:00 am	Operations Begin
Sunday, August 2	
8:00 am	Meet at Main Yard to begin bringing back the cars

Hope to see many of you out moving passengers (virtual or otherwise) and taking freight to those industries in desperate need of supplies or getting their products to market.

Most of all have a safe trip to and from Train Mountain and be ready for a safe and fun week of playing trains like the Big Boys do!



The 2020 Ops Meet is Happening in Just a Few Days! **PART TWO**

Zoom Meetings and How to Attend One

Train Mountain will be using the Zoom Meeting software app at this year's Ops Meet to help you stay in a safe environment while still fully participating in a group meeting. Zoom will hopefully reduce the number of people that attend the meetings in-person thus reducing the space necessary to maintain proper social distancing between participants.

Zoom Cloud Meetings is an app that allows multiple users to participate in an internet based meeting. The meeting may be as few as two people or involve dozens of attendees, it depends on who hosts the meeting and who is given permission to attend.

The Zoom app is available for Windows PCs, laptops, tablets, iMacs, iPads, iPhones, Android phones, just about any device that can connect to the internet and has a camera, speaker, and microphone, if you want the full featured experience. You can join a meeting without a microphone or camera but then you are just "listening" to the meeting.

In a normal Zoom meeting you can see, hear, speak, view handouts, and ask questions just as if you were all sitting in the same room together. Let's take a look at getting your copy of the Zoom Meeting app and then joining a scheduled meeting.

First thing, since there are so many different devices and computers out there, the procedures outlined here may not be exactly what you will have to do on your particular device but it will be very similar. There are YouTube videos and lots of articles that talk about Zoom, how it works, and how to install and use it on just about every device. If you get stuck, have questions, or need some extra help first Google with your particular question, call a friend that's a computer wiz but better yet, talk to your children or grandchildren, they will have the answers!

If all else fails, when you get to TM, find Jeff Mills or Jim Armstrong and they will help you get your "Zoom On" so you can attend the Briefing Meetings without having to share your personal space with someone else.

Second thing, you **do not need** a Zoom Account to join a Zoom Meeting; all you need is the Zoom app loaded on your device. When you are ready to join one of the meetings, just start the Zoom app (it's usually a blue box icon with a white video-like camera inside the box) and answer the questions it presents.

Ok, let's get started by loading the Zoom app on your device:

Search the "App Store" for "Zoom" if you have an Apple Device (iMac, iPad, iPhone).

Search the "Google Play" for "Zoom" if you have a Windows or Android device.

Or do a Google Search for "Zoom" and choose the item that has an address starting with "<https://zoom.us>" there may be some other characters after the ".us".

The main thing is that you want to download the "Zoom Cloud Meeting" app.

You may have to answer some questions but just keep at it until the download has completed.

Once the download is done, you may need to execute the downloaded file to actually install the app on your device.

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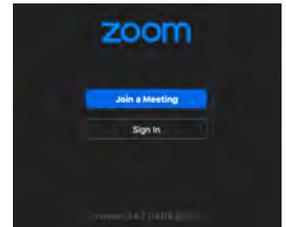
When the installation is complete, Zoom should appear in the “available programs” area of your device as “Zoom” or “Zoom Cloud Meeting” or “Zoom Meeting”.

Remember the Zoom icon is a blue rectangular box with a white video-like camera inside the box. Now you have Zoom available to attend a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Normally, you will receive an email containing a Zoom Meeting Invitation that has a direct link for immediate connection to the meeting. This is the easiest way to join the meeting — just “click” the highlighted link in the invitation, answer a couple of questions, and you are in! If the link is not there or it doesn’t seem to be working, then use the following alternate method.

Start the Zoom app.

The Zoom splash screen will appear giving you two options: “Join a Meeting” or “Sign In”



Click the “**Join a Meeting**” option

Answer a couple of questions, including the “Meeting ID” and “Passcode” (both included in the email invitation) and always join with video and audio “**On**”.

You will then be included in the meeting and the host may acknowledge your entry.

You can control many options during the meeting like muting your microphone, turning off your video transmission but still seeing incoming video from the host, and many others.

When you get to TM and pick up your Meet Badge, there should be a handout available that explains how to request an Invitation to the Zoom Meetings on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

That’s it, not too complicated and very easy after attending your first Zoom Meeting.

Don’t hesitate to try some of the options during the meeting to see how they work. The very worst problem is that you get disconnected but just restart the Zoom app and rejoin the meeting.

Jeff and Jim will be happy to also “try” to answer your questions or direct you to someone who can.

See you at the Zoom Meeting!



Sorting Cars



Setout



Pickup

2020 MUSINGS FROM MIDWAY GARDEN RAILROAD

G-VILLE

Are the 1/8 scale trains too large for you? Check out the “G” scale railroad at Train Mountain. Mort and Denny Ediger, Train Mountain Members since 2002 have constructed a G scale layout on 3 acres of land inside Midway Circle, in South Meadow, now known as the town of G-Ville. The layout is a gem and a must see for all members and visitors. You ask, how did a “G” scale layout end up inside Midway circle at Train Mountain?



The story starts in Washougal, Washington where Mort and Denny had a “G” scale layout on their two acre parcel consisting of 1500’ of track. Their D&S Railway layout was featured in Garden Railway Magazine in 1998, and was visited by 300 modelers in one day that were in the area to attend the “G” scale convention in Seattle in 2002. Some of the convention attendees visited with the Edigers while travelling to the convention. Among the visitors were Quentin and Sharon Breen who had just returned from their honeymoon in Europe.

Before that visit, the Edigers had never heard of Mr. Breen or Train Mountain. Also staying with the Edigers was Bob Hayes who told them about Train Mountain. After hearing about Train Mountain they were sure they had to see it. About a year before Mr. Breen passed away in 2008, Mort and Denny were considering retirement, and the closing of their store in nearby Camas called the “Cobbler’s Train Shop”, a cobbler shop that also carried parts for “G” scale and 1/24th scale model trains. With the prospect of moving to Roseburg to be near their daughter, this would leave the D&S “G” scale railroad without a home.



Facing a pending retirement, and moving from Washington, Denny approached Mr. Breen about the possibility of setting up the “G” scale layout at Train Mountain, at which point Mr. Breen responded with the statement “Come with me.” Mr. Breen offered the Edigers the entire three acre area encompassed by Midway Circle, with the only stipulation that they not damage any of the trees or the squaw carpet. The offer was immediately accepted, and the result is apparent today with nearly 2000’ of installed track.

The location at Midway Circle was not without challenges, not the least of which was the absence of electricity, a definite downside for running electric trains. Mr. Breen told Denny he could use anything he could find at the scrap yard, also in South Meadow, so Denny met the challenge with a solar powered system mounted in a signal cabinet salvaged from the scrap yard. The entire railroad is powered by solar panels that charge a large 12 volt truck battery. The 12 volts DC powers an inverter to produce 110 volts AC. The 110 volts is then used to operate a Power Pak that produces the 0-24 volts DC for the track to run the trains. So, what exists even today is a sun powered model railroad.

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Immediately evident when visiting the Midway Garden Railway is the abundance of lava rock, obtained from a cinder pit at the north end of the Train Mountain property. All the rock at Midway Circle was hauled from the cinder pit in a Gator. There's a lot to check out at G-Ville such as:



- A 21' handmade wood trestle
- The 1/8 acre pond, with RC boats, when water is available
- The sheltered picnic area with three tables for your family picnic, the shelter donated by the K&W Railroad, in memory of Art Crisp, and the tables built by Bill Kludt and Denny.
- Don't forget to see if there's time left on the parking meters when you park your train.
- The golf course, although you might have to get down on your knees to play the links with very short golf clubs.
- And, if you run your train after dark, check out the solar street lighting that appears like a fairy-land when approaching the area.

Like everything else at Train Mountain, the "G" scale railway requires maintenance. The pine needles on the "G" scale track are the size of logs for the 1/30th scale trains. The pine cones appear to the "G" scale trains as the size of a house. Consequently the track must be cleared of both before the trains can operate. The landscaping always needs attention to maintain pristine appearance. Most any morning during the summer, and during meets, Mort and Denny can be found somewhere around the layout, and they welcome any volunteer help that can be offered.

When visiting Train Mountain be sure to check out the Midway Garden Railway and to meet Mort and Denny You won't be disappointed.

Story by a Gnome of G-Ville



Greetings from Joyce at the front office:

It is being sunny and hot here these days. Thank goodness the nights have been cool.

The June work week and meet were great! About 70 to 80 members were here, some just for the work week, some for the meet and some for both. Lots of raking got done. Lots of pine cones got picked up and lots of those plus pine needles got hauled away to the burn pit. You can actually see a lot of the track now. Work got done on the tracks and switches too. Thanks all you volunteers! You are terrific!

For the June meet and work week, Pam Williams set up an outdoor event office. She manned it for a good part of the week and then Barbara Ward took over for a couple of days. I manned it for the remainder of the meet weekend. Pam and Barbara's work are very much appreciated.

The \$3,000 goal for the AED donations has been met. The \$3,500 goal for the Pullman Repaint project has also been met! Thank you to everyone who donated!

Luke Connor recently completed the pine needle cars. They are sturdy and they look fantastic. They are already being put to hard use. Again, your donations helped to bring this project about and Luke did a great job!

Craig Custer and his scout troop built a scale Stonebridge Station. The scouts were not able to come and do the install project themselves because of all of the restrictions, so Craig and a couple of his family members came a couple of weeks ago to do the install. They leveled ground, poured a concrete foundation and mounted the station to it. You can see this scale station trackside at the Rio Grande Loop.

Lillyville will be undergoing another big expansion as soon as Jim Eakin and Steve Lilly can come to Train Mountain again. Jim Eakin has been putting in hundreds and hundreds of hours building some great new structures for Lillyville and Steve Lilly has been helping. There will be lots more scale animal cutouts arriving, too. Jim Eakin and Steve Lilly are amazing!

As of July 15, 2020, masks are required to be worn outside in Oregon when you cannot maintain a distance of six feet from other people besides those in your immediate family. Not long before this time, masks became a requirement in all indoor public spaces. We have set up an outdoor office just outside the Business Office door where we can take care of most of your needs. If we ask you to come inside the office to conduct business, you will be required to wear a mask inside the office.

As reminders, the only permitted trailer parking is alongside the access road between Firewood Corner and Foothill, and parallel with Anaheim. Do not park your train trailers anywhere else.

If you want to use Train Mountain riding cars, you may use only the two seat cars. Make sure they say TMR or TMRR on the sides. Do NOT use any of the 3 seat riding cars and do NOT use any of Klamath & Western Railroad's (K&WRR) cars!

Please do not use any of the TMI locomotives unless you have specific permission from TMI management to do so and have also been checked out on operating them.

Please be respectful of Train Mountain property and of other's property. Do not just dump Train Mountain's or other people's property off the tracks or out of the back shop while you are getting another piece of equipment or a riding car! (I am sure the majority of you would never do that, but within the past two weeks, someone has. They took a loco off the tracks and set it on the ground and another loco was badly damaged.)

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If you come to Train Mountain, please only enter the buildings if the volunteer work you are doing relates to the purpose of the building. There is no use of the kitchen or Hall of Flags nor of the Motor Pool and no use of any laundry or separate shower facilities in either building. The Laundromat in Chiloquin is open. The Travel Center on Hwy 97 offers shower facilities.

Chris Donhost and others came for a few short, but fun and busy days! They did some volunteering, ran trains and, if you were watching the live camera pages, you might have seen some strange alien creatures, a couple of gray sharks and a pink unicorn on a couple of trains! Just when I thought I'd seen it all...

2020 Memberships are now at 344 (and growing). There are 633 members including all primary and family members. Thank you to everyone who has renewed or joined and for those who continue to renew. Your memberships help to support Train Mountain and to keep everything going!

Coming soon is the Operations work week and meet! I am looking forward to seeing those of you who will be here!



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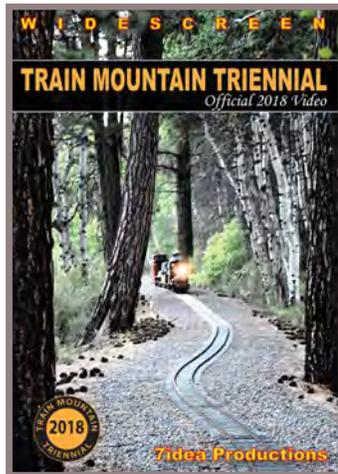
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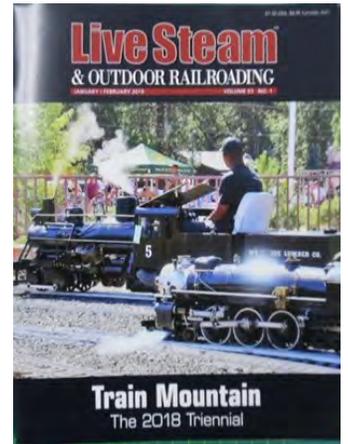
2018 Triennial Video Now Available

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

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

www.getawayvacationhome.com

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



Located only 1.5 miles off Hwy 97 in Downtown Chiloquin in the same building as the Post Office 212 1st Avenue, Chiloquin, OREGON 97624 -- Phone: (541) 783-0988



Good Service
Good Food
Friendly Folks



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!

1/8 Page: \$25/month or \$250/year

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

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

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

