



# The Mountain GAZETTE

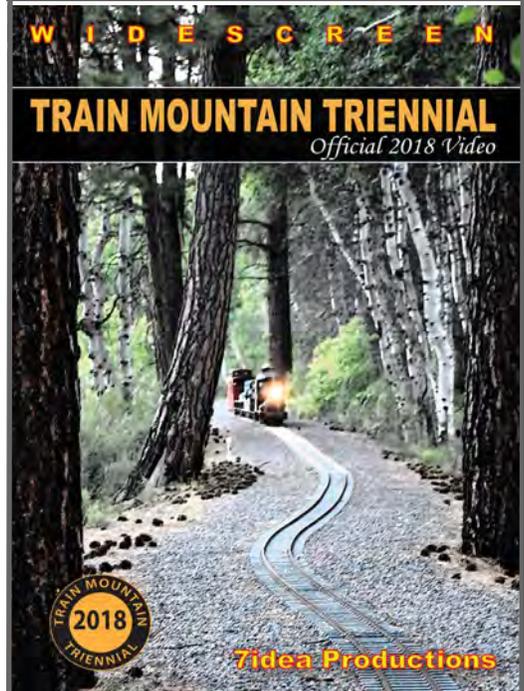
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## May

What a great work week and meet. The Narrow Gauge Meet was one for the books! We had some great crews here raking up the winter leftovers and completing a ton of other very important tasks. The crews even managed to do some track work and finished up the track around Midway Circle. This was handled by the Idaho Mafia gang and several others. The fire trains are ready to go. Jeff even gave a review of the tools and Tom has created a video of it. Look for it on YouTube. If you've been following the Southern Oregon news you will note that we have at least six fires within a few miles of the park already this year. We are still 'greening up' but we are already experiencing summer like conditions (except mid week of the meet, read that to say we had some precipitation). If you're bringing your own fire equipment please test it out before you leave home and know that it is in good working condition. Debra has been working hard on getting all of the sprinklers going again so please be careful where you park in the grassy areas. Dave has been hauling lots of visitors already but both he and Barbara can use some help with the Visitor Center and Rail Tour Trains. Tours are from 10 to 3 Monday thru Friday. Klamath and Western started up at the end of the month so that takes care of Saturdays. We had lots of trains running all week with both the tourist trains and the many work trains. If you want to hear a steam engine bark, back into the ballast yard and hook on to three fully loaded ballast cars and then head out for a run. Man did that sound cool! Now you know we all like a good meal and the Banquet was not only well attended but the reports are that the food was delicious. Thanks to our caterer Dana and her wonderful crew. So in review if you weren't here for the Narrow Gauge Meet—YOU REALLY MISSED A GOOD ONE!

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## From the Desk of TMRR President May 2019

### Jeff Mills, President TMRR

We have completed our first TMRR meet of the year as well as the Kitsap Work Week. A dedicated force of volunteers has provided a good start to getting the railroad in good operating order. The seemingly endless task of raking and hauling forest debris got a significant start. Most of the track has been raked leaving quite a few piles of pine straw and other debris to be hauled. The local Fire Chief announced the 2019 Fire Season will start on May 15<sup>th</sup>, two weeks earlier than the previous year. This means after that date, Train Mountain is prohibited from any burning until the end of Fire Season.

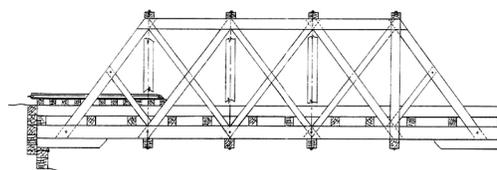
Bill Kludt needs a Team Leader for the restoration of the Blue Mountain Coal structure. It is located near Blue Caboose and just below the turn table. This is a great opportunity to get involved with scale structures on the railroad. The visitors on our rail tours are always impressed with the detail and quantity of these structures. These models help tell the story of railroading and generate great interest. Bill will make the resources of the Carpenter Shop available and offers his guidance and expertise to the project. We will need a good mix of skilled and semi-skilled workers to accomplish it. Please contact Bill if you are interested.

The TMRR Board has decided to use an *outside company to manage our board elections*. This will serve two purposes. First, it will release the Business Office from distribution and tabulation of the ballots. Second, it will provide a unbiased count of the ballots. **To ensure your VOTE COUNTS**, we encourage all members to go to the TMRR web page [www.trainmtn.org](http://www.trainmtn.org) and make sure your contact information is up to date. To do this on our webpage, from the list on the left click the 4th tile **Online Membership Resources**. This will take you to the **Membership Portal** where you select the **Rooster**. You will need to follow the instructions to logon. If you have never created a logon, you follow the instruction to create a password. Once logged in, scroll to find your name and verify your information. Pay special attention to your e-mail address. Make sure your family members over 18 have a valid e-mail address listed so they are eligible to vote also. If there is an incorrect e-mail or lack of an email use the RETURN tile to get out of the rooster and go to **Update**. Here corrections and additions to the rooster can be made. If you are unable to make corrections or additions online, please contact Joyce in the office. If you wish to do your ballot by snail mail, please let Joyce know so the Ballot Service can be informed. The integrity of the next election will depend on the accuracy of the rooster and we encourage EVERYONE to VOTE!

At the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the TMRR Board of Directors, it was decided that a TMRR Radio Communications Guidance Committee will be established. This is due to the recurring problem of radios which are not well suited for the size and terrain of Train Mountain. We need to grow technologically to operate effectively and legally, both in the present and the future. The Board authorized the President to appoint members to this committee.

I am looking for volunteers who have experience, interest and expertise in radio communications. The committee is charged with advising the Board (at least annually) of steps which can be taken to enhance our radio communications. The committee is also tasked to immediately notify the Board should it become aware of circumstances or operations at Train Mountain which could result in a federal notice of violation being issued either against a member or the TMRR corporation. If you have interest in helping out, please contact me at [oldcatd399@hotmail.com](mailto:oldcatd399@hotmail.com) or through the Train Mountain Office.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have started this meet season on a positive note. Please remember to log all your volunteer Hours online or on the sheets provided by the Business Office.



## Greetings from Joyce at the front office:

The beginning of May started out with beautiful blue skies, leaves budding on the trees and flowers blooming. There were even a few honey bees on the plum tree blossoms. The second half of May was mostly overcast with rain, hail and a tiny bit of snow. We are seeing blue skies and some pretty white clouds now. Kitty Charlie has been greeting visitors as they come in by running up to them and then walking with them. And Maggie, the timid one, spends her days inside.

Tourist season is in gear and the tourist traffic has been picking up. There were 50 visitors in March, 207 in April and 453 in May. The Visitor Center is working well and getting busier and busier with visitors.

Membership is now over 640 including all family members and continues to rise.

The Spring Awakening work week, Meet and Banquet were all nicely attending and lots of fun! The Narrow Gauge work week and meet was very lively and also great fun. The banquet was wonderful with lots of great food and several nice announcements.

We are sorry to say that we have lost long time member, Dale Taylor, who passed away in May. If I am recalling correctly, I believe that his wife, Veronica, had told me a few years ago that he and she had built the tower nearest Central Station and according to Tom Watson, Dale also build some of the signal bridges here.

A couple of reminders:

All other business besides visitors is to go through the Business Office, so membership renewals, meet registrations, payments, deliveries and all go through the Business Office. The Visitor Center only handles visitors.

All donations, cash or non-cash (material items) MUST go through the Business Office where they can be properly accounted for and recorded. If the donations are to go toward the purchase of a certain item or items, they can then be properly disbursed by the office.

It seems a bit silly to have to say the following, but necessary. The gate code is only for members. Please do not give it out to any visitors at the gate nor to anyone else who is not a member. Guests and event attendees who are not members should never be given the gate code.

If you volunteer, please be sure to record and turn in all of your volunteer hours. Forms are available in the Business Office, by printing out from the Mountain Gazette itself, or you can report them online. Paper forms should be handed in or mailed in to the Business Office.

The Operations work week and meet are in just a few weeks! If you are coming, we are looking forward to seeing you there!





## ELECTIONS 2019!

The Board of Directors of Train Mountain Railroad Inc., the Social and Recreational club component of Train Mountain which primarily operates meet events for its members, will have three out of seven Director positions to be filled later this summer through voting of the general membership occurring between August 5, 2019 and August 19, 2019.

Directors shall be members of TMRR. Nominees must have exhibited an interest in and commitment to the purposes of Train Mountain Railroad and must have expertise in areas relevant to the needs of the organization.

To be considered for nomination, submit a written or e-mailed application addressing, as you see fit, the following:

- Why you are interested in the position of Director
- Experience and past contributions to TMRR
- Areas of expertise which might assist TMRR
- Other factors which you believe to be relevant.
- A current photo (jpeg or similar preferred) is encouraged.

The application will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee and, if nominated, a summary of up to 300 words will be published with the ballot.

**IMPORTANT:** To be on the ballot a qualified member must be nominated for election *by the Board*. The Board will accept applications directed to Mr. John Cooper, Vice-President TMRR, to be received by him not later than June 30, 2018. The By-Laws do not allow write-ins at the time of the election.

When elected, a Director is seated for a three-year term. For further background information consult the By-Laws and other relevant documents which are posted on the web site. Talking with current Directors is also encouraged!

FYI: Current Board Information as of April 2019:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>VACATES</b>	<b>Position 2018</b>
<b><i>Dick Peterson</i></b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b><i>Secretary</i></b>
<b><i>Joe Simon</i></b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b><i>Member at Large</i></b>
<b><i>David Waterstreet</i></b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b><i>Treasurer</i></b>
John Cooper	2017	2020	Vice President
Danny Chamrad	2018	2021	Member at Large
Jeff Mills	2018	2021	President
Tom Watson	2018	2021	Member at Large

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

## Kitsap Work Week 2019

By Jeff Mills

It has become tradition for Kitsap Live Steamers work week to take place in the middle of April. This year was no exception. This tradition started when Kitsap Live Steamers requested from Train Mountain a donation of one of the TMRR style Flatcars. Then owner, Quentin Breen granted the request with the stipulation that a group of KLS members come to Train Mountain and work for a week. Of course, a group of KLS members stepped up and came to Train Mountain and put in a week of volunteer labor. This gathering was satisfying to KLS and TMRR and led to the KLS Work Week being a standard event, breaking the idleness of a long and cold winter.

This year, Jerry Crane was our Team Leader. Jerry and I arrived with a good size list of tasks to accomplish. A number of our locals were available to help out with the work week. They were joined by: Dennis Thompson, Gene Nedrow, Ian & Cheryl McInnis, Pam Williams, Dick Peterson, David White, Chris Halland, Jim Pendley, Danny Chamrad, Jim Henry and Andy Breeding. We were able to get a start on raking and hauling forest debris, work in the track shop, help Dennis Ward lay replacement track at Midway, repair the front gate including replacement of the damaged east section, built a new exhaust system for the SP Dash 9's and made an inspection tour of the track. Dick Miller led a training session for qualification of Tour Train Engineers and Conductors for TMI Train Tours. We had an introduction to the new Visitor Center. Barbara Ward and Rose Dobbs provided us with a fantastic spaghetti dinner. A Thank You is in order for their cooking skills and willingness to feed a hungry crew.

There was a great deal accomplished that week, providing a good starting point for the Spring Awakening Work Week. Thanks to all who participated.

TMRR encourages ALL interested groups to organize a work week of their own! It is a rewarding experience and can be a great introduction to TMRR's role within the Train Mountain organization.

Be sure to contact the Business Office to schedule your group's visit.

In addition to our regular Tourist Rail Tours we also do many special interest group tours. Check this schedule for the season so far and if you can come and help, please do. Please call the office 541-783-3030 and let them know what dates you can help. Thanks for your support.

DATE	GROUP	TIME	QTY
30-May	STEARNS ELEM	10-2	30
30-May	MILLER RV	3 DAYS	25
31-May	KNIGS TRAVELERS	10-2	25
3-Jun	CANBY SCHOOL	10-2	20
6-Jun	MALIN ELEMENTARY	10-1	100
7-Jun	MILLS ELEM	10-2	70
15-Jun	CHILOQUIN FIRE	10-4	70
22-Jun	COLLIER MARINE	9-6	25
25-Jun	YMCA	10-2	20
27-Jun	KRUISE KLAMATH	10-12	50
15-Jul	DEMONOS CAR	10-2	12
29-Jul	CORVETTE CLUB	10-2	50
3-Aug	BNSF PICNIC	11-4	150
11-Aug	PORSCHE CLUB	10-2	50
2-Sep	NATIONAL G	DAILY	150
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## Train Mountain 2019 Operations Meet

The start of the 2019 Operations Meet is just around the corner. The Work Week starts on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>., and the 4-day meet starts on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you are coming for the Work Week, the expected schedule is:

- Sunday-gather up the TMRR cars to be used during the meet.
- Monday-car inspection and sorting
- Tuesday-finish inspecting and sorting
- Wednesday-spot cars on the railroad.

Volunteers are needed to help with all these tasks, and crews with locomotives would be especially appreciated.

The meet will start Thursday morning, with a general briefing meeting at 8:30AM in the Hall of Flags. This will be followed at 9:00AM with separate sessions for the passenger and freight crews. These will repeat at 9:30AM. At 10:00AM we plan to have Signal and Dispatching seminars. At least one member, and preferably all members of a crew, should attend the meetings.

The freight and passenger offices, tower and dispatcher will go on duty following the seminars, which is expected to be about 10:30AM.

Saturday evening will be a Banquet where prizes for the most productive crews will be awarded. Sunday will be spent picking up the cars and sorting them and returning them to their owners. This is another great opportunity to volunteer. Again, crews with locomotives are especially needed.

I would encourage members with freight cars to bring them and add them to the pool. Ideally, cars are on hand by Monday of the Work Week, but every effort will be made to accommodate cars arriving later. If you have a car or cars you wish to provide, please send the car description, reporting marks and number to Jim Armstrong at [Armstrong.jandg@gmail.com](mailto:Armstrong.jandg@gmail.com). Reporting marks are generally initials appearing over the car number. Remember all cars operating at Train Mountain must have a safety chain on the rear end of the car.

If this is your first visit to Train Mountain for the year, remember to watch the Train Mountain Safety Video, and sign a release. Also, do not forget your FRS radio, cell phone and red flag.

Don't miss the 2019 Operations Meet. There will be fun, competition and camaraderie for all. If you have any questions about the meet, please email me at [railroc66@yahoo.com](mailto:railroc66@yahoo.com).

Richard Croll, Trainmaster

### 2019 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule

	Polar Bear Train Meet	Spring Awakening Train Meet	Narrow Gauge Train Meet	Operations Train Meet	August Train Meet	Big Build Train Meet	Fall Colors Train Meet
<b>Work Week</b>	none	4/27 to 5/2	5/25 to 5/30	6/29 to 7/3	8/3 to 8/8	8/31 to 9/5	none
<b>Meet</b>	1/18 to 1/21	5/3 to 5/5	5/31 to 6/2	7/4 to 7/7	8/9 to 8/11	9/6 to 9/8	10/11 to 10/14

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## Train Mountain 2019 Operations Meet

The time is getting closer to the start of the 2019 Operations Meet. Start making plans to attend, if you have not already done so. The Work Week starts on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, and the 4-day meet starts on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. What a great way to celebrate Independence Day!

We have many new things planned this year. Here is a quick look at a few of them:

- Ten new industries have been added. Half of them are past Farmersville on the North side.
- The ability to request a new switch list before delivering your last car.
- Delivery and pick-up of switch lists on request at Appendix Yard.
- Option to customize your switch list from available movements.
- Ability to report pick-ups and delivery's by radio.
- Points instead of just Car Counts to determine productivity. More points will be awarded for distance and difficulty of cars moved.
- Prizes for the most productive crews, freight and passenger.

There is no requirement to bring equipment to the Ops Meet. We will make every effort to ensure that those without equipment can be connected to a crew. We'll even provide 2-seater passenger cars so any consist can take extra crew members. Train crews will be encouraged to take along additional members. A white board will be used as an "Extra Board" for those seeking to join a crew to be listed. It will be at the freight office.

We also encourage people to bring more freight cars to be added to the pool. This is a great opportunity to see your freight cars in action. Much care is used to insure the cars are not damaged. All the cars used do go through an inspection, which consists of making sure couplers work properly, and they have proper safety chains. This is conducted in the back shop, and repairs can be carried out there by their owners.

Volunteers are always needed at Train Mountain, and this is especially true of the Operations Meet. The schedule for the work week is as follows:

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

Volunteers are needed to help with all of these tasks, and the Wednesday spotting is a good time for crews to get familiar with the railroad.

Thursday is the start of the actual meet. Things will begin with the general briefing meeting at 8:30AM in the Hall of Flags. At 9:00AM the session will split into separate breakout meetings for passenger and freight crews. At 9:30 these will repeat so crews can attend both if they desire. At 10:00AM we plan to have Signal and Dispatching seminars. The freight and passenger offices, tower and dispatcher will go on duty immediately following the seminars, which should be about 10:30AM.

We intend to keep each of these meetings to 30 minutes or less!

All participants, new and those with previous Ops experience, are encouraged to attend these meetings before heading out to switch or run passenger trains. There are a lot of new things being added this year, and it will be to your advantage and everyone else's to attend.

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## **Train Mountain 2019 Operations Meet (cont).**

Saturday evening will be a Banquet, and that is where the prizes will be awarded for the most productive crews.

Sunday, as usual, will be spent picking up all the cars and bringing them back to the main yard. Volunteers with locomotives are particularly needed for this, and it can be a lot of fun. Every effort will be made to get loaned cars back to their respective owners as soon as possible on Sunday.

So, make plans to attend the 2019 Ops Meet. There will be fun, competition and camaraderie for all.

Richard Croll, Trainmaster

## **FIRE SEASON TRAIN MOUNTAIN 2019**

By Jeff Mills

This late spring is laying down its last snow and rain. Soon the warmer weather will be here. This means we need to renew our diligence in FIRE PREVENTION and Detection. We have had more snow this year than in the past few years. It is good when it melts slowly and soaks into the ground. This raises water table levels and allows the plant life to take a long needed drink. It also means the vegetation will have a good growth spurt, shedding dry pine needles, pine cones and other forest debris which provides dry fuel for a wildfire. Raking the track and drainage ditches becomes as important as ever. This clearing of fuel around the track is one the best fire prevention activities we perform on a regular basis. As usual, awareness of the fire danger signs and understanding of what they are indicating is also vital.

For obvious reasons, smoking is **not** allowed out on the tracks and will only be tolerated in 3 designated smoking areas. These areas are on the east side of central station Hall Of Flags entrance, the east side of the back shop and the man door at the motor pool. Please be watchful for people smoking in non-designated areas and either ask them to extinguish their cigarettes or report the infraction to the office.

This is also the right time to check out your own firefighting equipment. Fire tools that are required are a Pulaski, shovel, gallon of water or fire extinguisher. Ensure the tool heads are sharp and free of rust, check handles for cracks or loose heads and correct any faults now. When you need the tools, it is too late to fix them. Fire Extinguishers need to be checked for charge and date of manufacture. If the extinguishers are not charged, they need to be recharged or are 6 or more years old, replaced. I will be preparing the Fire Gondolas for deployment during the Narrow Gauge Work Week and will be looking for a few volunteers for help with this. I encourage the addition of these fire gondolas to all work trains and to any other trains adding to their consist.

When operating on the railroad, all persons should consider themselves on Fire Watch as early detection and suppression is the best system to prevent a catastrophic fire.

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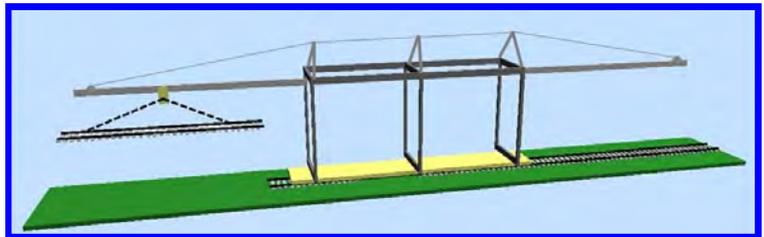
## Switch / Track Toter

Dennis and Charlie do a lot of our on-going track / switch repairs and exchanges during the regular part of our season. They are now at the point where in order to do this work they must call upon Dustin / Richard / Derrick to give them a hand placing components for this type of work. This leaves them at the mercy of the scheduling of Dustin / Richard / Derrick to do this assist. Dennis asked me to see what I could come up with and so that is the nature of this document. So while doing some research I found a link to a site that showed a full size homemade track mover that functioned just like what Dennis wanted.



The prototype railroads have long used this type of rail-car to do the heavy lifting and without resorting to having a crane on hand. Our proposal is to make a steel scaffolding that fits a standard Train Mountain rail car.

Shown below is an artist rendering, not to scale, of what we proposed.



That was all that Dustin / Richard / Derrick needed to take one of our rail flat cars and fabricate us up our own Track Toter. Result, Derrick picked up and placed a 400 lb switch by himself. Good Test!



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

## **From the Office of the Vice-President**

By John Cooper

Annual elections for board member positions will be held in August. This year we will conduct the election using ElectionBuddy which is a commercial election-hosting service. ElectionBuddy will send a ballot to each member that has an email address on record with Train Mountain. The ballot will consist of an email that contains a link to their website where votes can be cast. Family memberships that are allowed two ballots will receive two emails. Members that do not have an email address on record with Train Mountain will receive a paper ballot from ElectionBuddy via US Postal mail.

Any individual with an email address on record with Train Mountain who wishes to vote by postal mail on a paper ballot must contact John Cooper to communicate this desire. Otherwise the existence of an email address in our database will default to an email ballot.

Please take a moment to verify that the email address in our database is correct. This can be done on-line using the membership portal. On the Train Mountain Railroad homepage, click "Online Member Resources" in the menu on the left side of the page. Choose "Edit your personal information". The direct URL to this page is

[https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/Member\\_Logon.aspx?id=Update](https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/Member_Logon.aspx?id=Update)

Enter your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, click the link indicating that you have forgotten your password and it will be sent to you.

For the election, we will use the email addresses and mailing addresses that are on record as of July 15<sup>th</sup>. You must verify and make any updates to your contact information before this date to properly receive a ballot.

The election will be conducted from Monday August 5<sup>th</sup> through Monday August 19<sup>th</sup>. Ballots will be counted by ElectionBuddy and be reported via the TMRR Secretary to the TMRR President by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## From the Signal Maintainers

By John Cooper and Dave Waterstreet

At the beginning of the narrow gauge meet, Dave Waterstreet and I finished a task that has long been planned but never finished. We installed route-request pushbuttons at the flag pole for tracks approaching Central Station. These buttons allow for control of the crossovers near the Memorial Garden. Graphics on the box are intuitive and allow the selection of a straight route into the station, or a diverging route to the other parallel track. Stopping to push this button is not required if the turnout is already in the desired position.

The position of the turnouts can be discerned from the signals on the signal bridge that protect these crossovers. Following prototype practice, the top head of the signal governs the straight route and the bottom head governs the diverging route. Notice that the signal heads do not correspond to left or right, they indicate straight or diverging.

A yellow status light is provided on the box to indicate whether the tower is open. If the lamp is illuminated, the tower is being manned and the buttons will not work. You must contact the tower operator by radio in this case.



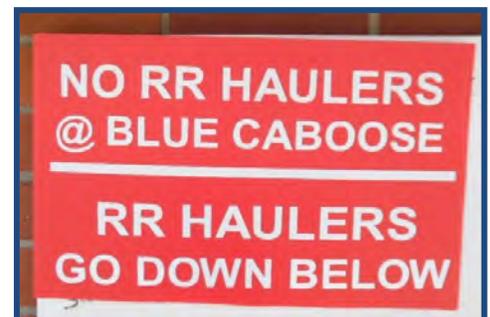
New pushbutton box controls the facing point switch beyond the signal bridge.

Dave Waterstreet has a laugh while soldering in the rain.



## Railroad Haulers (AKA trailers etc)

The Narrow Gauge Meet brought out a problem that we have a solution for but have got lazy in the enforcement department. The problem is that little parking area adjacent to the Motor Pool building and across from Blue Caboose is parking AUTOMOBILES that belong to the members staying Blue Caboose. It was NEVER intended to be railroad trailer parking. PLEASE park your trailers down below, either on the Service Road or Katy Lane or Molly Lane. Thank you.



# Banquet Ticket Sales

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

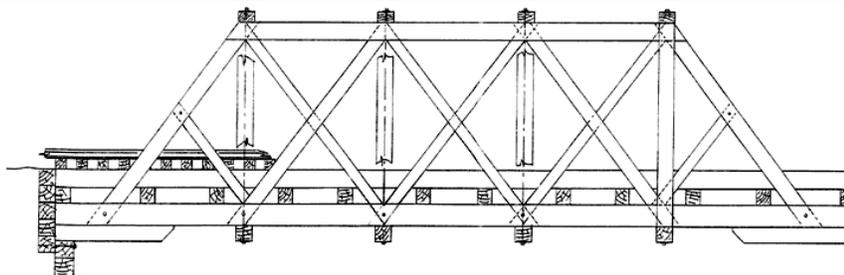
We must get the number of attendees to the caterer to make sure there is enough food to feed everyone.

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

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

**WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS**  
**DON'T YELL AT ME, I AM A VOLUNTEER!**



Please Volunteer at a Train Mountain Meet!

## 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.



September 4-7, 2019  
Sacramento, CA

## 2019 National Narrow Gauge Convention *An Invitation to Participate*



We west coasters are putting together a 2.5" (1.5", 2.5", 3.75") extravaganza at the 2019 NNGC to be held in Sacramento, **Sept. 4th-7th, 2019.**

We would love for you to attend with equipment if possible. All the usual suspects are planning to attend. I hope to have 20 ish engines running during the convention. We are listed on the official convention layout tours and will be at the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers in Rancho Cordova.

We plan to give rides to conventioners on **Sept. 4th and 5th.** Let me know if we can save you a steaming bay!!!

Contact me with any questions.

**Ken Burns** ([rgsken@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rgsken@sbcglobal.net))

Camping will be available at the track for participants.

Hope to see you there.

Please Volunteer at a Train Mountain Special Event!

# 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 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!**

Please Volunteer at a Train Mountain Meet!

## **Weed Spray Train Crews Needed**

### *Repeated Request*

This request from Boyd and crew is a function that must be done to maintain our park. Please reread this request and give us a hand if you can.

Train Mountain has an extensive weed control program. We have a dedicated weed control train as well as a dedicated weed control 'gator. For the past several seasons Boyd Butler and Bill Kludt have operated the equipment. Now both members feel that the equipment is sufficiently well developed that the general membership can participate.

The weed management season coincides with the TM organized meets season: the Spring Awakening Meet until the Fall Colors Meet. Generally one pass over the railroad per work week is sufficient. Different volunteers can arrange to do one or more sessions.

Members interested in participating should contact Boyd Butler directly. You will receive thorough on-the-job training and Boyd will be available to provide supplies, parts and repairs.

This is a neat opportunity to contribute to TM in a big way while running an interesting train. Arrangements to use a TM loco on the train are possible. You get to see all the railroad while contributing a much needed service.

## **Train Mountain on Oregon Public Broadcast Links**

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

OPB has made the Train Mountain part of the broadcast available on Facebook.



# 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.

## **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.**

**The Gate Code was changed on July 12, 2018**

# WEB-CAM GALLERY

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## MUSINGS FROM MIDWAY

(Midway Garden Railroad)

Down at Midway Circle, the Midway Garden Railroad is prepared for a new Train Mountain season and we expect it to be another busy season. Many thanks to all those that came to help with the cleanup and preparation for the opening. There is always more to do, so if you have time, please stop by G-ville to see where you can lend a hand. We are still looking for volunteers to create scenes and structures to add to the railroad. There are so many talented volunteer members at Train Mountain. We would love to showcase your work.

As we have mentioned before, this season we will be on the tour for the 35<sup>th</sup> National Garden Railway Convention, which will be held in Portland, Oregon from August 27<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. We have been given the date of September 2<sup>nd</sup> to expect visitors. We're hoping for both old and new visitors to G-ville at the conclusion of the convention. We can't wait! We will continue to work all summer long to prepare for our visitors from the convention, along with all the other summer visitors that stop by to see the magical world of Midway Garden Railroad.

Before we close, we would like to thank the members of the Klamath and Western Railroad for donating our new picnic pavilion at G-ville. This new structure was donated in memory of longtime member, Art Crisp, who was both a member of the Klamath and Western Railroad and Train Mountain. Perhaps this summer when you visit Midway Garden Railroad, whether by train or car, you might like to come prepared with a picnic lunch to enjoy in the new "Art Crisp Pavilion."

If you have any questions, you can contact Mort and Denny Ediger at [mortnden@gmail.com](mailto:mortnden@gmail.com).



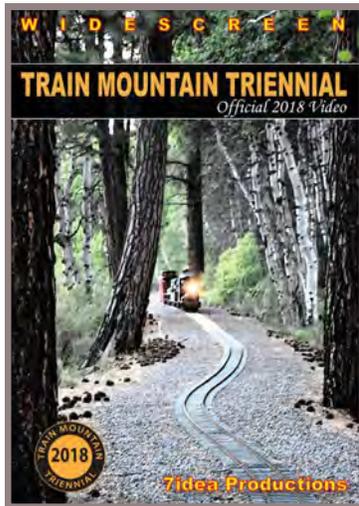
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# CLASSIFIEDS

## 2018 Triennial Video Now Available

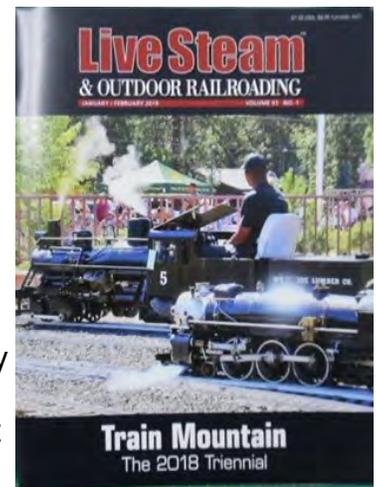
The 2018 Train Mountain Triennial video from Aaron Benson at 7Idea Productions is now available. You can order online at the link shown or you can call the office at 541-783-3030 to get your copy. This is a most enjoyable video created by a true video artist and of course it just happens to be about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



### HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SELL?

Place an ad in the Gazette!

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# CLASSIFIEDS

Castings, frames, and new boiler available for 18" gauge locomotive. This is modeled after the locomotive at The Nut Tree Railroad in Vacaville, CA. This stuff belongs to Fred Kepner, who lives off the grid and is difficult to contact. He is asking \$9500, OBO. Anyone seriously interested, can email Tom at [twatson703@gmail.com](mailto:twatson703@gmail.com), and I can email you the history of these parts and how to contact Fred



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## 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 of land features 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**

## 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 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.

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

### 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.