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Hello, at last... our internet connections have been most irregular! Sorry for the delays.

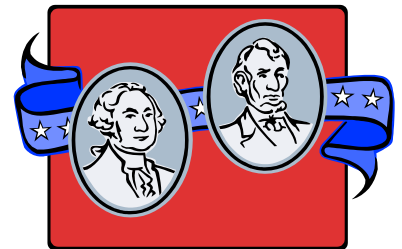
Throughout the month (of January) we have still been receiving great feedback on this years' Holiday Express. So many people were impressed or impressed again!! **'Thank you'** once more to each who helped put this event on for the public. The K&W counted more folks than ever through their gates and many, many smiles as they departed.

I am getting estimates on maintenance improvements, in preparation for operations in general. Our monthly vender bills continue to be paid in full.

The need for more temporary track for the Triennial is being monitored so that we can accommodate requests for train space during the Triennial. Be sure to give accurate specifications on your registration.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Breen-President

2012 Triennial Report  
By Dennis Ward,  
Volunteer Coordinator



It is time for an update on the upcoming Train Mountain Triennial/Silver Anniversary. As most of you know by now; the Triennial is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. The event will be preceded, June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup>, by a work week. The work week is to put the final touches on the railroad and other infrastructure to insure that all of the participants can have an enjoyable week in a safe environment.

The Triennial Committee is a loosely knit group of VOLUNTEERS, most of who live within 10 miles of Train Mountain. Some of the very valuable VOLUNTEERS live further away and are doing their part via the internet and by telephone. This VOLUNTEER event will be successful. To make sure everyone has a chance to enjoy themselves we are looking for at least two hours of VOLUNTEER participation, freely given by each attendee, it will be greatly appreciated! We will have signup sheets available with an explanation of the help needed.

The Triennial Committee is still looking for someone to take charge of the South Portal Inspection and Communications committees. You can click the Committees tab at Triennial website <http://trainmountaintriennial.org> to find where you might be able to best provide VOLUNTEER assistance.

This Silver Anniversary/Triennial event is looking to be the best yet at Train Mountain. As of January 31<sup>st</sup> we have 361 people signed up. This group has signed up to bring 156 trains totaling 6188 feet in length. Fifty five of these trains are live steam, 53 are gasoline powered diesel replicas, 46 are electric powered and 2 rail bikes are food & foot powered. (continued on

# TRAIN MOUNTAIN RAILROAD

## 2012 WORK WEEK AND TRAIN MEET SCHEDULE

### **Narrow Gauge Work Week**

Saturday, May 12 —Thursday, May 17, 2012

### **Narrow Gauge Train Meet**

Friday, May 18 —Sunday, May 20, 2012  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### **2012 Train Mountain Triennial Work Week**

Monday, June 16—Sunday, June 24, 2012

### **2012 Train Mountain Triennial**

Monday, June 25 —Sunday, July 1, 2012  
(No Banquet during Triennial)

### **Operations Set Up & Work Week**

Saturday, August 4—Thursday, August 9, 2012

### **Operations Meet**

Friday, August 10—Sunday, August 12, 2012  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### **September Work Week**

Saturday, September 1 —Thursday, Sept 6, 2012

### **September Train Meet**

Friday, Sept 7—Sunday, Sept 9, 2012  
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

### **Fall Colors Train Meet**

Friday, October 5—Sunday, October 7, 2012  
(Banquet is Potluck 6:00 Saturday Evening)

Please find an interactive form for the Train Meet Registration and Participant Release at: <http://trainmountain.org/>  
(Forms Tab)  
or  
<http://www.trainmountaintriennial.org/>  
(Registration and other Forms Tab)

***Thank you to all those who are current 2012 members of Train Mountain!***

***To those who haven't yet renewed—***

***Please send in your 2012 Membership Application along with a Participant Release to:***

***PO Box 438, Chiloquin, OR 97624***

***Non-current members will stop receiving The Mountain Gazette as of March!***

***Thank you!***

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Additional participants, with their trains, are expected to sign up as the dates for the Triennial get nearer.

So far we have visitors from seven countries represented. The breakdown: United States—328, Australia—17, Canada—9, United Kingdom—3, Germany—2 and 1 each from Austria and New Zealand. Of the 328

from the US, most are Californians (102), Oregonians (71) and, Washingtonians (44). There are 14 from Nevada and 12 from Iowa. The other states represented in single digits are: Alabama (2), Arizona (4), Colorado (9), Florida (7), Georgia (7), Idaho (2), Illinois (1), Michigan (4), Minnesota (7), Montana (4), North Carolina (6),

Australian visitors come from New South Wales (5), Queensland (8) and Victoria (4).

The Canadian provinces represented are Alberta (4), British Columbia (3), and Manitoba (2). Nebraska (4), New Mexico (2), Ohio (9), Pennsylvania (7), Tennessee (4), and Utah (2).

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## Triennial Committee Meeting (Excerpts)

A good and productive Triennial Committee meeting was attended by 20 people on January 28, 2012, at Central Station.

For anyone who wants to attend, the next meeting will be held on **February 18, 2012, at 1:00 pm at Central Station.**

If you have an agenda item which should be discussed, please send them to Dennis Ward. We need your agenda items even if you plan to attend. If you cannot attend and you send agenda items, they will be discussed. Not all discussed items are immediately resolved, as many need “looked into.” When information is available on discussed items which are not minor or internal organizational issues, they will be announced or further discussed on the Forum. Major decisions that will affect Triennial participants will be announced on both the Forum and the Website.

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This Triennial is being run entirely by volunteers, and we still need volunteers to fill the Chairperson positions for the following committees:

- **Communications**
- **South Portal Security/Train Inspector**

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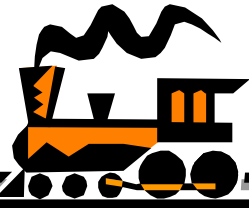
For discussion and questions go to the Train Mountain Triennial Forum:

**[www.trainmountaintriennial.org](http://www.trainmountaintriennial.org)**

### Requested Donation Lodging Rates-2012

Type:	Regular	Work Week	Meets	Triennial
Rooms	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$85.00	\$140.00
Bunkroom	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
Loft	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$200.00

**Please note— All rooms have been reserved for the Triennial.  
Rates are per night, as donation requests, to help us keep going!**

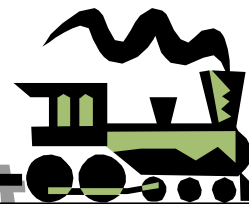


## **TRAIN MOUNTAIN RAILROAD RULES OF THE ROAD**

- 1. ALL TRAINS MUST HAVE BOTH AN ENGINEER AND A CONDUCTOR;** except for speeders and similar single-unit equipment that can be safely removed from the track by one person in the event of a breakdown. This specifically excludes radio-controlled trains. The minimum age for a conductor is seven, the age of reason.
- 2. SEVEN MILES PER HOUR MAXIMUM SPEED EQUALS TEN SECONDS BETWEEN MILEPOSTS.** Exceptions are posted trackside.
- 3. 210' MINIMUM SEPARATION BETWEEN TRAINS EQUALS TWO MILEPOST LENGTHS TO THE END OF THE NEXT TRAIN.**  
The absence of signal blocks means that safety requires separation between trains.
- 4. ALL CONDUCTORS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH A RED FLAG.** Minimum flag size is 12" x 12".
- 5. CONDUCTOR TO FLAG TWO MILEPOST LENGTHS (210') BEHIND ANY STOPPED TRAIN.** This rule probably prevents more accidents than all of the other rules combined.
- 6. SAFETY CHAINS OR DRAWBARS REQUIRED BETWEEN ALL CARS.**  
Some grades are more than a mile long and some have a 3.2% grade.. This rule prevents runaway cars.
- 7. ALL TRAINS TO HAVE A FRS RADIO TUNED TO CHANNEL 10.** Someday, one of these radios will save the life of someone who has a heart attack while miles away from Central Station. (Note: Citizen Band Radio Channels are no longer monitored at Train Mountain.)
- 8. SOUND HORN OR WHISTLE(— — - —) AT W SIGN.**  
These signs are located 60' before the track crosses roads or other tracks.
- 9. SPARK ARRESTORS & ASHPANS REQUIRED ON ALL COAL & WOOD BURNERS.**  
The summer fire danger in Klamath County is always "High" and often "Extreme."
- 10. DROP A GREEN BLOCK AT ANY DERAILMENT LOCATION.** Not only does this tell track crews where problems are, it warns the next train that there is a track problem.
- 11. LEAVE SWITCH THROWS LINED FOR MAIN LINE.** This is particularly important when the next train may have an engineer on his or her first trip on Train Mountain track.

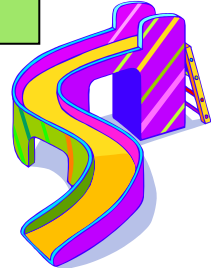
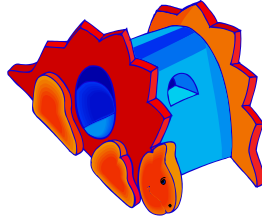
### **NIGHT RUNNING**

- 12. WHITE HEADLIGHT MOUNTED ON FRONT OF ENGINE.** Steam engines may need battery-powered headlights.
- 13. RED TAILLIGHT MOUNTED ON REAR OF LAST CAR.** The flashing lights sold in bicycle stores are a popular way of meeting this requirement.
- 14. CONDUCTOR TO USE FLASHLIGHT TO FLAG TWO MILEPOSTS (210') BEHIND ANY STOPPED TRAIN.**



## Display Ad Rates for 2012

<u>Size</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1/8 page	\$10
1/4 page	\$25
1/2 page	\$40
Full page	\$75



**There is a need for a Playground Equipment Upgrade in the Six Acre Campground!  
Perhaps someone you know has 'outgrown' the family set.  
Your non-deductable donation would be greatly appreciated.**

A special word of thanks to Dana and Barbara Ward, who do good cooking for the monthly Union Pacific safety meeting; and to Pam Panzik for helping them serve and clean-up!

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Long-time member and supportive wife (of Art Crisp, the TM track-building extraordinaire), Genevieve Crisp, passed quietly away the evening of December 25th. Her health required much dedication by Art; his care and loving assistance was apparent to all. She was a sweet lady who will be greatly missed.

