



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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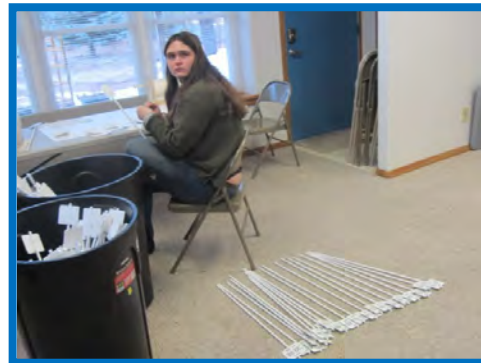
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## From the Editor: - Russ Wood.

Things are slowly ramping up for the coming running season on the Mountain. You know about all of that new track the gang has installed in recent years, right? Well we need to finish off that new track with proper markings so we know where we are while going on those terrific long rides. An ingenious "grade measurement" train was dispatched to record the actual grades and log in the distances and to place temporary markers where the mileposts need to go.



With data in hand and the temporary markers set all we needed was the mileposts. A small crew (Raven and I) created the posts using a new vinyl cutter and many busy hours. Some 350 or so new mileposts have been created and are just awaiting some better weather so a train can be dispatched with crew and posts to set out for our use.



Besides helping you to know where you are those mileposts serve lots of other safety purposes as well. Keeping two milepost space between you and the train ahead gives you enough room to come to a safe stop should the train ahead stop suddenly. You can also judge your speed (7 mph max at Train Mountain) by timing yourself between mileposts, see mini chart. Also if you learn to read the data on the mileposts they let you know of pending grades either up or down. This data can be useful when running heavy consists!



The top line is the Sub-Division you are in, the big number is the actual milepost number shown in real miles and is unique. If you report you are having a problem at Hope 32.80 we will know EXACTLY where you are. The bottom number shows the change in grade between this milepost and the next. In this case it shows a very steep downgrade of almost 3%! On the right is a speed chart for timing yourself between mileposts.

TIME and SPEED  
50 Mileposts = 1 Mile

Time	MPH	KPH
7.2 Seconds	10	16.2
8 Seconds	9	14.4
9 Seconds	8	13.0
10.3 Seconds	7	11.3
12 Seconds	6	9.7
14.4 Seconds	5	8.1
18 Seconds	4	6.5
24 Seconds	3	4.9

So you would think that trying to get the mileposts made up would be enough of a logistics problem that we would take a rest from those kinds of problems, but no we aren't that smart! So let's talk a little about the "Member" packets that went out this month as well. Each had a unique cover letter, personalized for each application received. It may have also had meet badges, name badges, and other specifics based on the member. It also had the latest track map courtesy of Friends. It also contained the 26 Year pin(s). They also had to be addressed to the right member. It was a lot like patting your head and rubbing your belly or something like that if you know what I mean? Anyhow the usual suspects (mainly Charlie Bill) all pitched in and we mostly got it right and got them mailed them out.

Did you like the live camera on last months web page? Well that's old school stuff. Tom has a second camera up and running. If you go to the website you can see the latest pictures taken with the cameras. There is also a page that has just the two cameras displayed on it. Tom also has a way for the dial up folks to have a good experience as well, there is a special HOME page just for them. All this without giving up any of the great information now appearing on the club website.

As one of the folks that hangs around the office I get to listen to the calls coming in and I get to read the emails from you the members and all I can say is your support and encouragement this year has been wonderful. Memberships are coming in and there are lots of newbies as well as renewals. Meet registrations are also coming in, in nice round numbers. So 2013 should be another fun year on the Mountain. As soon as the ice and snow is gone we will start the annual clean up to get the park ready for all of you to come and have a great time! The webcams are giving some a false sense of how much snow is gone and that we can now run trains. The answer is no, we just have the top tracks cleared and running (3/14/13), everything else that has any shade on it at all is still frozen solid in ice!



<b>2013 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule</b>							
	<b>Polar Bear Train Meet</b>	<b>Narrow Gauge Train Meet</b>	<b>June Train Meet</b>	<b>Operations Meet</b>	<b>August Train Meet</b>	<b>September Train Meet</b>	<b>Fall Colors Train Meet</b>
<b>Work Week</b>	none	5/4 to 5/9	5/25 to 5/30	6/22 to 6/27	7/27 to 8/1	8/31 to 9/5	none
<b>Meet</b>	1/19 to 1/21	5/10 to 5/12	5/31 to 6/2	6/28 to 6/30	8/2 to 8/4	9/6 to 9/8	10/11 to 10/13

**From the President** - Jim Armstrong

Spring is beginning to show its face around the Mountain – those new webcams that Tom has on the website sure are nice to get a feel for the weather and soon to catch glimpses of our TM friends as they work and play at Train Mountain.

Just a reminder, meet season is fast approaching and in reviewing the membership roster, I see a number of missing names from previous years. If you haven't already sent in your membership for 2013, I encourage you to do so as soon as you can. We are making plans for a great set of meets for all to enjoy and we would really like to have your support and participation.

So please renew your membership and encourage others to become new members of Train Mountain where there are plenty of opportunities to work, play, learn, share, and make new friends while doing what we all love best – being around trains and people who have the same passion.

**IRS Liens Update** - John Black

As of March 18, the ball is in our court. The IRS finally came back a little while ago and asked for additional information which we are working to supply. Stat tuned. This is a slow process

**Items with Disputed Ownership** - John Black

In December we disclosed that there are several items at Train Mountain where Train Mountain and another party are both claiming ownership of the items. Friends and TMRR have compiled a list. We want your input. If you have testimony that helps determine the rightful owners, please email your testimony to [info@tmrr.org](mailto:info@tmrr.org). We have tried to get pictures of many of the items with disputed ownership.

After looking at the testimony that we have received, we have decided to take testimony until the IRS liens are discharged. Then the Friends and TMRR will decide how to proceed. The idea is to make the issues as public as possible and hope the facts speak for themselves.

Check out the Items with Disputed Ownership at:  
[www.tmrr.org/Resources/tmrrdocs/tmrr\\_disputed\\_items.pdf](http://www.tmrr.org/Resources/tmrrdocs/tmrr_disputed_items.pdf)

**From the Back Office** - Dennis Ward

Friends as Custodian reports that February was uneventful financially. The expenses continued as budgeted :

**February 2013**

**Property Basic Operating Expenses**

Real Estate Taxes (Reserve)	\$1,700
Insurance	\$1,907
Utilities	
Phone and Broadband	\$406
Electricity	\$716
Propane - Central Station & Backshop	\$2,850
Garbage	\$227

**Total                    \$7,806**

To fund the above expenses TM has a few Lines of Business. 100% of the income from the property goes to pay the above expenses. This includes cell tower income, room rentals, container fees, riding car rentals, K&W's lease payment, etc. Friends as Custodian also runs the store. Actually Steve and Pam Panzik run the store with Tom Watson setting up the online portion. Russ, Dennis, and Charlie help with the order fulfillment. In February the store sold \$3259 with \$74 in expenses and about \$1700 in cost of goods sold.

## Train Mountain Railroad.

You join TMRR, donate, and pay to attend the meets. Here is some detail on TMRR operations :

### TMRR Income

	2012	2013	2013	2013	Total	No.
		Jan	Feb	Mar		
<b>Memberships</b>						
\$20 Subscribing				\$20.00	\$20.00	1
\$25 Rail Bike						
\$50 Individual	\$1,300.00	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$250.00	\$2,250.00	44
\$75 Family	\$3,075.00	\$1,425.00	\$1,050.00	\$375.00	\$5,925.00	79
\$25 Young Adult						
\$150 Supporting	\$1,050.00	\$900.00	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$2,700.00	19
\$250 Participating	\$1,750.00	\$500.00		\$250.00	\$2,500.00	9
\$500 Yard Boss						
\$1000 Empire	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	5
PayPal Fees	\$(36.25)	\$(15.03)	\$(10.10)	\$(4.73)	\$(66.11)	160
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$10,138.75</b>	<b>\$4,109.97</b>	<b>\$1,989.90</b>	<b>\$2,040.27</b>	<b>\$18,278.89</b>	<b>122</b>
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>No.</b>
		<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>		
<b>Other Donations</b>	<b>\$375.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>		<b>\$550.00</b>	
<b>Meets</b>						
Polar Bear Meet		\$60.00			\$60.00	2
Narrow Gauge Meet		\$35.00	\$135.00	\$35.00	\$205.00	6
June Meet			\$35.00		\$35.00	1
Ops Meet			\$60.00	\$60.00	\$120.00	4
Sept Meet			\$35.00		\$35.00	1
Season Pass	\$1,080.00	\$960.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$2,880.00	19
PayPal Fees	\$(10.74)	\$(1.32)	\$(1.32)		\$(13.38)	
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$1,069.26</b>	<b>\$1,053.68</b>	<b>\$383.68</b>	<b>\$215.00</b>	<b>\$2,721.62</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,583.01</b>	<b>\$5,288.65</b>	<b>\$2,548.58</b>	<b>\$2,255.27</b>	<b>\$21,550.51</b>	



**TMRR Expenses**

Membership Pins	\$(657.55)				\$(657.55)
Bank Charges	\$(37.94)	\$(6.55)	\$(45.89)	\$(6.55)	\$(236.11)
Insurance		\$(844.00)		\$(844.00)	\$(844.00)
Packet postage			\$(215.68)		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$(995.49)</b>	<b>\$(850.55)</b>	<b>\$(261.57)</b>	<b>\$(881.38)</b>	<b>\$(1,110.94)</b>

<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$10,587.22</b>	<b>\$4,438.10</b>	<b>\$2,287.01</b>	<b>\$1,373.89</b>	<b>\$20,439.57</b>
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**Amount TMRR contributed to Basic Operating Expenses**

75% of the TMRR money goes to paying the property expenses until enough has been raised... including all the other lines of business... to pay the annual Operating Budget ... the property expenses Friends as Custodian must pay. . After the Operating Budget has been met all the TMRR income goes to anything the TMRR Board wants to do. Here is the TMRR Contribution calculation so far :

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	
	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Contribution owed</b>	\$(6,086.18)	\$(2,752.40)	\$(3,733.99)	<b>\$(12,572.56)</b>
<b>Actually paid</b>	\$-	\$(9,322.50)	\$(3,261.94)	<b>\$(12,584.44)</b>

**THANK YOU !!****Summary**

Every month our accounting skills improve and our processes for tracking the dollars get better and simpler. The biggest changes this month are :

First, we finally are recognizing revenue and expenses only when the amounts debit or credit an account.... In other words we are accounting on a purely cash basis. And Second... we are simplifying how we track TMRR funds and Friends Custodial funds where a Credit Card or PayPal payment is made.

We also need to recognize that beyond these budget figures... Friends of Train Mountain is contributing by employing Dustin, Richard, Raven, Penny... buying the materials that they use, maintaining the equipment, and covering a portion of the property taxes, paying some insurance, and heating the Track Shop & Motor Pool as needed. We need to grow the TM business to lose TM's dependence on these generous donors.

**Donations for March - TMRR BOD**

One of the wonderful things about Train Mountain is it's members. When the call went out for old bikes, they started to show up from all over the place. Then the call went out for some computers to help in the automation process of running Train Mountain. Denny Ellis, shipped us a nice one and that was followed by another from the fun folks better known as the Idaho Mafia. Thanks guys. Then we received a call from our resident signal guru and he said come on down and pick up three more! Thanks John Cooper. Oh yeah, he included 9 UPS power supplies as well! Its this kind of support from you the members that makes all of this possible. The BOD cannot begin to thank you all enough, thank you, thank you!

We are very fortunate in that we have a dedicated bunch of folks that put in many, many hours into these projects and at no expense to the organization. If our group had to pay for these services we would very quickly be shut down for lack of funds. Its these kinds of volunteers that make your visits so enjoyable and help make things just a little easier around here. Some of these folks are very visible on a day to day basis while others work just as hard but are in the background doing their good deeds. This would be a much different experience with out them. Thank you all for all of your donations of hard work and your boundless energy.

## Southern Oregon Live Steamers - Russ Wood

If you haven't had a chance to visit our neighbors over in Medford, you've missed a really good railroading experience. They are located in Railroad Park in the center of Medford. There is a very large and excellent G Scale layout, a very large indoor HO layout, there is a Railroad Historical group that is restoring a full size steam engine, there is a Telegraphers group, and OH Yeah, and the Live Steamers! The live steam guys have a nicely landscaped area and just about the same amount of track as the Klamath and Western. The facility has a loading / unloading area, steaming bays, lots of shade trees, and a great bunch of members. They run on the second and fourth Sundays from 11 to 3 from April through October. Check out the photos at the bottom of the Photo Gallery section in this issue.

The Southern Oregon Live Steamers (SOLS) is a non-profit 501 c (3) live steam 7.5" gauge railroad club located at Railroad Park in Medford Oregon, just off Hwy 62 and Table Rock Road. From Hwy. 5, take exit 30 and head west toward downtown Medford. Turn right on Hwy 99 and turn right onto Table Rock Road. At the first stop light turn right towards the fire station and stay to the left, enter the parks parking lot and, behind the fence you will find the home of 5 different clubs dedicated to railroading, including the Southern Oregon Live Steamers. <http://www.southernoregonlivesteamers.com/>

## Southern Oregon Live Steamers



A small portion of the G Scale at the Medford Railroad Park, this is in the new Hogwarts area.

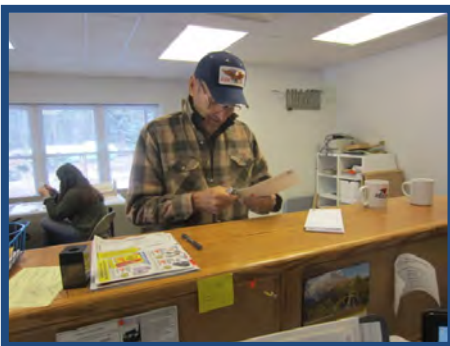


The Live Steamers at Medford haul the public, a lot of public!



The grounds are landscaped and really give a very nice view on the train rides.

# PHOTO GALLERY



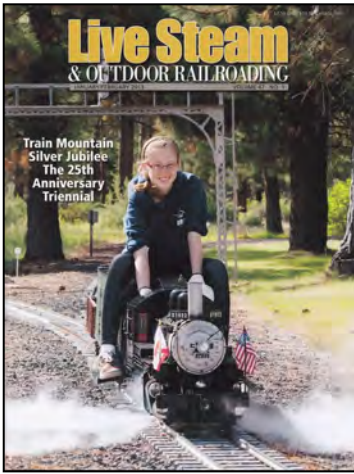
Charlie Bill doing his daily postal duties on behalf of TM



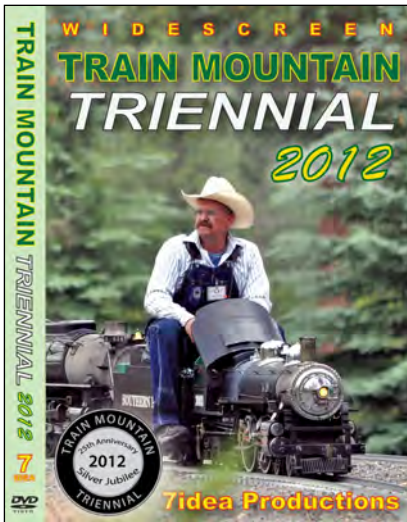
Jim and Sabra getting the library sorted out and ready for members use.



A view from the new webcam showing the U.P. safety meeting and all of their vehicles.



Did you see the great article and front cover story from the latest issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading? It is a most complimentary article about the facility and the great gang of folks that hang around the place and put on terrific live steam train meets. Pretty cool!



The terrific video that Aaron Bentsen from 7Idea Productions shot at the 2012 Triennial is now available through the main office at Train Mountain. Give them a call at 541-783-3030 and get your on the way to your place. It's \$30 for the video and \$3 shipping and handling lower 48, \$4 S&H for all others. A most enjoyable video shot by a true video artist and of course our favorite subject, Train Mountain!

Our good friend Jim over at Discover Live Steam has also placed an ad for us on his terrific website, thanks Jim.

[www.discoverlivesteam.com](http://www.discoverlivesteam.com)

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