

TRAIN MOUNTAIN



Gazette

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Voice of Train Mountain Members and Volunteers



Hello everyone,
 Hope you're getting out on your tracks. It's getting to that time of year.

Triennial preparations are in full swing, as are Ops Meet preparations; but you're going to have to wait until next month for articles on those. We have a good article and a bunch of pictures on the work the Wonder Bread crew did in March, a cool article on the Air Force locomotives and an opportunity for you all to hump brush. We also have a couple ads—Jim Armstrong is looking for container space and Bonnie Harvey has a steamer for sale in Washington.

Cheers,
 Lucinda Gilman and Xander Geraghty
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2025 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule							
	Polar Bear	Spring Awakening	Narrow Gauge	Triennial	Ops	Big Build	Fall Colors
Work week		4/26-5/1	5/24-5/29	6/14-6/22	7/26-7/29	8/30-9/4	
Meet	1/17-1/20	5/2-5/4	5/30-6/1	6/23-6/29	7/30-8/3	9/5-9/7	10/10-10/13

On Track

Dale Furseth

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This month started with the development of a plan to rebuild the switches around the turn table. Coming off the turn table raised tracks, each track butts up to a 3 way switch. The switches were pulling away from the turn table making for a difficult gap to bridge - in some of the tracks it was as much as a 1 1/2" gap. There are 24 switches that need to be rebuilt, so this will take a while. I will be writing about progress on these switches for a while! The first few that I rebuilt are taking about 4 hours each. Hopefully I will get faster.

At the end of March, Matt Thomas gathered up his Wonder Bread Crew and they came up to help on a number of projects on my list. They started the week by helping to re-lay the sidings in the coal mine yard, which now looks better than it has in years. There was almost 500 feet of track in this project. You may remember that I rebuilt the switches at the entrance to the mine last month so the coal mine complex is in good shape and is now open for business!

Next, a couple of new sidings were created with access to power near the west end of the containers.



Then, the approaches to 4 way road crossing needed to be dug out and re-leveled.

Next, the new siding at Midway was tuned and ballasted, so that project is now complete. For the record, that siding is now called "Ediger Siding".

Then, a day was spent in the track shop building a bunch of aluminum track panels that would be used on the next project.

Finally, they helped replace the Cucamonga siding with the brand new aluminum on plastic track panels with old wooden panels. I could have sworn the plastic track panels were so new, that they still had that “new panel smell”.

And a new member was voted in to the Wonder Bread Crew. Richard Cox rescued one of the WonderKids trucks that had become stuck in a soggy spot. Many thanks go to Richard, and we hope he appreciates all his new Wonder Bread Crew bling!!

If you are at home saying, “Gosh, that sounds like a lot of fun. How can I get some of that?”. It is very easy! Just get some of your friends or members from your local club, think up a clever name, contact me to let me know when you are coming to help out, and we will try to arrange cool projects just like this! You will be stiff and sore, take lots of naps, but will have a great time helping improve YOUR railroad.



Thank you to the Wonder Bread Crew - Matt Thomas, Abby Thomas, Ron Domoe, Kim Beard, Mark Madewell, John Cooper (not that one!), Dennis Matzen, Tom Reese, Chris Brew, Gil Dominguez and Boyd Butler. Also helping out were Tom Watson and Russ Wood. And a special thanks to our newest member, Richard Cox!!

A bunch of really important and difficult projects were crossed off the list this month that absolutely had to be completed before the Triennial. I really appreciate the help.



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Wonder Bread Work Week Photos

Matt Thomas



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[Editor's note: I didn't realize just how darn much work they did until I looked at the photos! That's a LOT of track work.]



Train Mountain Legacy Locomotives

David Waterstreet

This full-sized Air Force Baldwin S-12 locomotive is pictured at Ogden Air Force Logistics Center, UT. Locomotives 1863 and its sister 1864 were operated from 1961 into 2007. The AF utilized 56 such locomotives at many AF bases nationwide. At Hill, these two were used to



move oversized missile motors, aircraft parts, heavy equipment, supplies, munitions, and fuel utilized by the Air Force at Hill AFB

and Ogden AF Logistics Center. They interchanged with UPRR in the Ogden yards.

In 2008, TM member LTC Frank Bartholomew, USAF Ret., acquired two Trainworks 1/8" scale locomotives and had both detailed and painted duplicating the AF's S-12s at Hill AFB. Although the AF locomotives were scrapped in 2015, the scale USAF S-12s still operate today at Train Mountain moving equipment and people around the park showcasing the US military's railroad equipment of years past.





It is finally warming up and more sunny skies are appearing. There are still a few scattered rains, but overall it is looking like Spring is arriving.

The daffodils at Train Mountain are starting to sprout their nice green leaves and a variety of birds are chirping and singing.

At the moment of this writing, the Kitsap crew is here cleaning up fallen trees, replacing a sink in the Great Northern room and lots more. It is another very productive work week.

The Spring Awakening work week and meet is coming up later this month.

It should be fun!

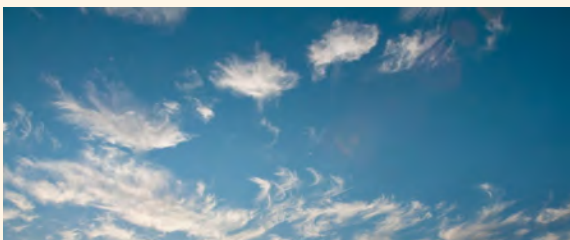
Much is being done in preparation for the Triennial. It is a busy time as the tracks get inspected, repaired and tuned. And, of course, there is always the clean up of pine cones and pine needles and other maintenance and repairs.

Visitors and Harvest Hosts are beginning to show up in greater numbers. In another month, the visitor season will swing into full bloom. Both are a year-round thing, but the warmer weather really helps to draw them in.

There is always something for our volunteers to do! Speaking of volunteers, three people have volunteered to help run the Company Store during the Triennial. There is still room in the schedule for additional volunteers. Call the office at 541-783-3030 or email me at info@tmrr.org.

If you have contacted or been in the office recently and have not found me there, it is because I have been off handling a personal matter. I hope to be back in the game more soon. In the meantime, Russ Wood and others are doing the best they can to assist you with your questions and needs.

Take care. It will be great to see more of you soon at the upcoming meets.



This month we are remembering:

Bart Lynn

John Merwin

For Sale

4-6-0 Central Pacific Live Steam Locomotive and Tender

\$20,000 or reasonable offer

This is 1 1/2 scale, 7 1/2" gauge locomotive that was built by Charles Dockstader. It runs on propane and comes with two tanks.

It also has a rolling stand, transport insert for a vehicle and miscellaneous accessories. There is some track but the ties are in poor shape.

I inherited it from my father, Dale Edwards, who was a member of the Southern Oregon Live Steamers.

It always passed its boiler test but my dad said the Teflon rings for the pistons needed replacing soon. The jig for that is included.

I am located in Maple Valley, Washington and everything would need to be picked up here.

For more pictures and information contact: Bonnie Harvey, dharvey4449@gmail.com



For Sale

Fulton RR 4-4-0 Locomotive w/ Tender and 2 Passenger cars

\$32,500 USD

The engine is propane fired and runs very well. One car is a baggage car with provision for the propane tank, air compressor and battery. The other car is a passenger car with removable roof that allows passenger seating. In 2.5" to 1' scale, 7.5" gauge.

This train set is of museum quality detail and was constructed by a group of distinguished builders. This engine is large for a 4-4-0 and is very capable. It deserves an owner's attention and admiration. More photos and video are available on request. (Note: cars in the video are not included in the sale)

The train can be inspected at Train Mountain by appointment only. It's best to plan to view during the upcoming Train Mountain meets and work weeks.

Call the Train Mountain office for scheduling; ask for your inquiry to be sent to the Train Mountain Institute Board. Inquiries during business hours only. This Train belongs to Train Mountain and proceeds will go to Train Mountain. Shipping and crating will be the responsibility of the buyer. FOB point would be Chiloquin, OR, 97624.

Reasonable offers will be considered.





Classifieds

The Potbelly cafe



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.



Classifieds

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.

WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS

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

Looking for TM Containerville Space

If you have a container you want to sell, sell a share of your container, or rent out space in your container, please contact Jim Armstrong at 208/484-0073 or email me at armstrong.jand@gmail.com.

I have been a member of Train Mountain since 2003 and would like to store some or all of my equipment at TM instead of hauling it back and forth from Idaho.

Also, if you know of someone wanting to sell or rent, please pass along my name and contact info.

Thank you for any help in finding some storage space for my trains,

- Jim Armstrong.

Brush Remediation

Gary Bos

Remember the old Marine recruiting slogan "Looking for a few good men?" We are looking for a group of strong and willing folk to help with brush remediation in the Rio Grande-South Circle-Deadwood area. Final planning and set-up will be Monday May 19 in the late afternoon. Heavy workdays are May 20 through May 24. Please spread the word. If you can help, call or email Gary Bos: 509-952-1880, gbos2881@gmail.com.

Notices

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 mailbox 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, Monday through Friday) (Summer - 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM, 7 days a week.) To arrange other hours visitors should call the office at 541-783-3030.

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

Notices

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.

I've heard of that social media thing...

If you want to get Train Mountain information and pictures while you're waiting for the next gazette, follow and like us on these social media platforms:



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Facebook: [/trainmountainrailroad](https://www.facebook.com/trainmountainrailroad)

Instagram: [trainmountainrailroad](https://www.instagram.com/trainmountainrailroad)

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