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I have a special request to make with this issue of the Gazette. *PLEASE* think sunshine! We still have too much snow and ice to move before any equipment or clean up of the track can begin. A few of the roads have melted and they are a different kind of problem. They are passable only in the early morning hours but in the afternoon they are MUD bogs! We need the sun to melt the snow and ice and to dry out the roads!

We want to get started on the annual end of winter season clean up chores. You know, raking, and raking, and of course raking! All we need is a few more days of sunshine and some not so cold nights to get a start. Larry DaBrois has been testing his engine and snow plow each day and he thinks this may be the week where we can give it a try again. If we can get a path through the snow with the plows, the track melts rather quickly. Once the track is back open we can get back to hauling track panels out to M&M Corner and the staging areas.

The next meet is the Narrow Gauge Meet and the anticipation of seeing all those great models is really building here. Last year's crop was terrific and I expect more of the same this year. Make sure you get your registration forms in as soon as possible. As I have stated in previous Gazette's remember that this is called the "Narrow Gauge Meet", but any and all members are welcome to attend with their equipment, narrow gauge or not. Just come and enjoy Train Mountain!

In regard to the upcoming Narrow Gauge Meet (and any Train Mountain meet for that matter), please remember that some of our visiting members do not have any equipment with them when they visit. They may have come by airline, or they may have come from a 7 1/4 in club, or whatever the reason, they have no ride. They need to be given a chance to enjoy Train Mountain and all of its beauty and wonder. What am I asking for? Give them a ride! Let's have another great year of 'no empty seats'! As you cruise by Central Station don't just look over and see those folks with longing in their eyes, stop and ask would anybody like a ride? We have a very unique situation at Train Mountain. Our guests are our members and our members are our guests! We don't have a resident club big enough to be the hosts for a Train Mountain meet. But we need to give that same level of friendship and camaraderie that you give at your local club. Please help Train Mountain make their visit as good as it can be and remember 'no empty seats'! Thanks for your continued support in this most important effort.

Speaking of your visit to Train Mountain in this issue you will find the new 'dog policy' for Train Mountain and it's associated Dog Release form. The new dog policy is not an open invitation to bring your dog on your visit. It has very specific rules and conditions to be adhered to. Please read the complete rules and their explanations. Once you agree to comply with the rules make sure to sign the Dog Release and send it back in or make sure you bring it with you. If you are bringing your dog, please remember that some of our members may not be dog people and they need to be considered as well.

Cheryl from the front office has asked me to let everyone know how much she appreciates the help she is getting from most of you, the members, in getting your forms filled out and sent in. Of course some of you have NOT sent in all the forms, releases, etc. How about we try and go for 100% by next month and give her a break! Thanks.

This just in! As I'm sitting here writing this editorial, it's SNOWING! Enough is enough! Well, maybe it won't stick, but then again the stuff underneath won't melt either! Oh well—how about just a friendly—Happy St. Patty's day! Happy start of Spring! Happy Easter!

Narrow Gauge Meet Banquet Menu:

Chicken Alfredo, Prime Rib, Garlic Mashed Potato, Caesar Salad, Homemade Oatmeal Rolls, Green Beans w/ Bacon, and Dessert. You may also supply your own liquid refreshments.

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FROM THE MANAGER The latest information - Ross Perrin

Where does time go? It seems I just talked to you and here it is time for another gazette. I know some of you have the same feeling as I do, here it is March and your train projects have fallen behind and you want to go run the railroad. I am fortunate that Kay's son Jon is pretty handy and while he was here for a visit he replaced the wiring in our loco (that I burnt up last summer) so Kay and I are ready for a run or two. I know you're thinking wait a minute, last time he said the snow was a big problem and now he wants to run trains! Ya, that is the way it is in Chiloquin - weather changes fast and now we are melting fast, the snow is still a problem in a lot of areas, but it is going away with warm days and a little rain. Can you tell I'm tired of the snow?

The track shop is piling up with track panels that need to get staged. We have a new guy working with Paul, his name is Chris and he is working hard which means production is coming up fast (around 7000 feet ready to go). Gordon Felber is continuing to come in and work on prepping rail for them which is a huge help. The latest load of ties has proven to be much better, the weight is down a bit and the formula is not so hard, so cutting and putting in screws seems to be a little eaiser. I think the improvement in the plastic will speed things up some.

Steve and Pam Panzik continue to come in and help out in the office, Larry DaBroi has been spending a lot of time here with Ron and Caroline Young. They are working on the latest creation, the bottling plant for DaBroi and Sons Winery. It seems every time Larry comes up from Mt. Shasta he unloads another piece of his next project, so far I have seen an upright storage tank and some interesting piping being stored away in the Market Place Building.

Russ Wood has brought up Pop's electric runabout (4 wheel Rascal) and offered it for those of you that can make use of it to get around while you're here. Thanks Russ and Linda. That makes 2 of these handy rigs to help those that suffer from problems that make walking uncomfortable. If you need one to use just ask in the office and we will fix you up with one. No, there are not high rail kits on them!

Thinking about the things to come in the next month or so brings many projects to mind, this is the prep year for triennial so there will be plenty to do. We have some track repairs on the list already and more will come as the railroad gets up and running, there are the yard sidings on Aspen Grove Loop to put in, the push north will start with Farmersville Circle and move across Bill Shepherd's place and up and over Bill Farmer's property, Many maintenance items to do such as painting, repairs to the paving, signal work, and on and on. I will try to keep an ongoing list on the white board in the Hall of Flags for you to check out when you arrive. This year we will only have Debra Cox part time

doing our gardening so your help will be very important to keep us looking good. Debra has a couple of businesses of her own going and they require a little more of her time this year.

Back to thinking about getting your trains ready, this year will make quite a change in operations on the railroad. As you prepare to come to Train Mountain think about the increased distance you will run as the track stretches out to the north, you will travel farther and in much more remote areas, so be prepared. Many of us will need to carry extra fuel along so plan for this and for a way to protect your fuel storage from the sun. Why? Because gas cans tend to vent vapors as they expand from direct sun or heat and we all know the vapors are explosive - even diesel fuel vapors. Fire prevention will be a huge thing out there. So if your miles away from Central Station be prepared with an emergency bag with water, bug repellant, sunscreen, a snack, a FRS/GRMS radio, a map, a fire extinguisher, a small first aid kit, extra water for your steamers, re-railing equipment for use if you break down. Know how your engine can be towed without damaging it, and carry known problem parts and tools. Take the time to prepare now so you have a great experience out there.

Things we need: Leaf rakes and straw brooms are always needed, out on the rail we need heavy street brooms for dressing ballast, some cheap canopies and knee pads for guys working out in the sun on the rail and around the grounds, 1 and 2 inch paint brushes, masking tape (blue), paint thinner, lots of elbow grease.

Now is the time for you to make us aware of your thoughts on projects and where you would like to help out. An email would be great. I hope to have a chosen few to help me out during events this year and it will be a better experience for you if we can put you on a task suited to your likes and abilities.

As this season gets a head of steam up, I hope you consider the safety of yourselves, your equipment and our railroad. In these times one preventable accident could mean the difference between easy running rules and strict rules. I want to keep it simple and I am sure you do to.

Talk to you soon.

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Photo Gallery



OK here's the story this month. I was really tired of going out and taking pictures of SNOW and ICE and I know all the locals are really tired of looking at SNOW and ICE too! So here's some pictures of Debra's and nature's wonders. They are shown here because most of us have forgotten what's under all the SNOW and ICE! Thank you for letting me vent some STEAM! Heh, Heh, see I got back to trains!



Work Week	Train Meet			
No Work Week	Fri, May 2-	Sun, May 4		
Sat, May 24-Thurs, May 29	Fri, May 30-	Sun, June 1		
Sat, June 28-Thurs, July 3	Fri, July 4-	Sun, July 6		
Sat, July 26-Thurs, July 31	Fri, Aug 1-	Sun, Aug 3		
Sat, Aug 30-Thurs, Sept 4	Fri, Sept 5-	Sun, Sept 7		
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TRAIN MOUNTAIN DOG POLICY Please read!

Friends of Train Mountain (FTM) and Train Mountain (TM) agree that nice dogs are allowed on Train Mountain property and problem dogs are not.

TM and FTM have agreed to implement the following Dog Policy as of November 1, 2007:

- Dog owners (owners) will sign a Dog Release before dogs get out of the vehicle that brought them. The Dog Release will cover these points:
 - A -- Owners assume all liability for any incident resulting from their pet being on the property.
 - B -- Owners agree not to sue Train Mountain or other Train Mountain participants over dog related issues.
 - C Owners understand that dogs may be prey of local wild animals.
 - D Owners agree to obey Dog Policy.
 - E Dogs will be vaccinated for rabies
- 2. Dogs must start and end their rail journey from a point off of Train Mountain land or from Anaheim Siding.
- 3. Each dog must ride in its own riding car with 4 sides at least 10" high and be connected to a leash that restrains the dog and limits its ability to exit the car. Dogs too big to fit in a riding car are not allowed on Train Mountain property.
- 4. Dogs must be on a leash held by an adult when they are outside their riding car.
- South of South Chiloquin Road dog owners may only walk their dogs east of Train Mountain Road adjacent to Anaheim siding. North of South Chiloquin Road dog walking area (s) will be designated.
- 6. If people want to stay on Train Mountain property with their dog (s), they may stay in the RV spaces adjacent to Anaheim Siding.
- 7. On meet days only small dogs weighing less than 25 pounds are allowed on Train Mountain property.
- 8. Dog owners must pick up their dog's poop and dispose of it properly.
- 9. Dogs must comport themselves in a quiet and orderly manner and may not frequently bark or yap.

Either TM or FTM may ban a dog that is frequently vocal or that causes problems. In the event of a dispute TM and FTM must jointly agree to ban the dog.

All changes to this Dog Policy will be jointly agreed to by TM and FTM.



TRAIN MOUNTAIN RAILROAD MUSEUM DOG RELEASE

This release is executed in Klamath C	County, Oregon, t	hisday of _		, 20	for
Dog's Name		("D	og")	Weight:	pounds
Breed/Description				Sex: Male	Female
Color & Markings				Spayed/Neutered	(Y/N):
Dog Rabies Vaccination Date		Date Revaccination	n Due		
By Dog Owner			('	"Participant")	
Address					
City	State	ZIP		Cell Phone	

Participant agrees that in consideration of my dog and I being permitted to enter, use, and enjoy any of the property and facilities of "Train Mountain," including but not limited to freeholds, rights of way, licenses, and leases (together, the "Premises"), whether owned, managed, or controlled by Train Mountain Railroad Museum, Inc., Train Mountain, Inc., Train Mountain, or any owner of private property for which Train Mountain has an agreement to use part or all of the property for miniature railroading, including but not limited to Friends of Train Mountain, Inc., Klamath & Western Railroad, Inc., and Timberlake Railroad, LLC (together, "Releasees") :

1. I hereby release, waive and discharge Releasees, and their owners, officers, directors, employees, contractors, and agents, from all liability to the Participant or Participant's Dog, for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or damages in any way resulting from the presence of Participant or Dog; including injury of the Participant or Dog, death of the Participant or Dog, and Participant or Dog becoming prey of local wild animals, whether caused by the negligence of Releasee or otherwise resulting from permission to enter, use, and enjoy any of the Premises.

2. Participant hereby agrees to obey the Train Mountain Dog Policy set forth on the reverse side of this Release.

3. Participant assumes full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage due to the negligence of Releasees or otherwise while in or upon the Premises, and while maintaining, officiating in, working or for any purpose participating in said activity.

4. Participant warrants that no promise or inducement has been offered or made except as set forth in this release; that this release is executed without reliance on any statement or representation by Releasees or by any agents of Releasees concerning the nature and extent of the injuries and damages, or either of them, or the legal liability for the same. Participant is of legal age, is legally competent to execute this release and is legally competent to accept the full responsibility for the same.

5. Participant agrees that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Oregon, and that if any portion of this agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties to this release and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

6. Participant agrees not to make no claim against Releasees for any claim, loss, damage, or injury which this release purports to cover.

7. Participant agrees that all obligations assumed and promises made by Participant under this release shall be binding on my heirs, and the executors and administrators of my estate. Participant further instructs said heirs, administrators, and executors to honor this release and make no claim against Releasees for any claim, loss, damage, or injury which this release purports to cover.

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