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To the membership:

As some of you may have become aware, I have been in poor health this past Winter. In this respect, there is both bad news and good news. The bad news is that I have been diagnosed as having bladder cancer, with tumors in the bladder and a lymph node next to the bladder.

The good news is that my doctors have a treatment plan that has a good ten-year probability of survival. The program is chemotherapy (no radiation) followed by surgery. I have one month of chemo to go and probably a month of recovery from the chemo after that, which puts the likely date for surgery in July at OHSU in Portland.

Side effects have been limited to a blood clot in my right calf and extreme fatigue. I sleep sixteen hours a day and try to get up and about two hours a day, which includes an hour every other day at Train Mountain to meet with Ross and Cheryl. We have come to appreciate that dealing with the medical establishment is a full time job.

An event like this is a good time to be sure that everything is in order in the event that I do not survive. You will recall that Train Mountain Railroad Museum is a non-profit corporation so that it continues no matter what happens to me. The directors of Train Mountain Railroad Museum are myself, Sharon Breen (my wife) and Greg Petersen (my nephew, who has been involved in Train Mountain since its inception). Sharon participates in all daily decisions and Greg in all policy decisions. In short, the succession is established and the continuity plan is in place. BUT I AM NOT DEAD YET!

None of this affects the track expansion program being undertaken by Friends of Train Mountain, which envisions five miles of new track each year for a total of twenty miles of new track over the next four years. This will increase the main line trackage from fourteen to 34 miles and total trackage from 25 to 45 miles. (This is in addition to upgrading a mile of existing track each year). I look forward to driving on every mile of that new track.

Our thanks in advance for your kind thoughts.

Quentin

I am sure I speak for all of us, when I say that we wish Quentin a speedy and complete recovery. We exist as an organization because of his vision and his guidance. Let's jump in and help Quentin and Sharon get through this difficult time.

The Kitsap Week and the Narrow Gauge Meet are over. But Oh My! What a week. The Kitsap Krew did all kinds of repairs and as always did it without fanfare or pleading to get it done, they just did it! Thanks Gang! The Narrow Gauge meet was another huge success. The thing that is so special about a narrow gauge meet is that although they are models of diminutive narrow gauge equipment they are really BIG locomotives! Sure they run on 7 1/2 inch gauge track but WOW are they BIG! There were 2 1/2 inch scale equipment and 3 3/4 inch scale equipment, there were rod engines, geared engines, even some diesels and a motor car or two thrown in. It snowed, it rained, and we even had some sun shine on a couple of the days. But you know what, nobody seemed to care about the weather, they just cared about the great trains, having a great time, and running trains in the woods!

I messed up big time last issue as I forgot to put in a most special announcement. The announcement is this, Debra Cox is providing food service at ALL Train Mountain Meets. Information is available as you check in with Cheryl. Great food, great prices, and all of it delivered! Yep! Delivered! Just give her a call 783-FOOD (3663) and she'll do the rest!

From the front office I am reminded to remind ALL of you that EVERYONE, members AND GUESTS, all need to have current release forms signed to be on the facility. If the office is closed there are forms in

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the mailbox outside the Central Station office and more in the BackShop. If you don't have a signed form then please don't run! Thanks for the constant vigilance on this very important issue.

June Meet Banquet Menu:

Stuffed Chicken Breast, Tri-Tip, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli Salad, Marinated Tomato & Cucumber Salad. Homemade Oatmeal Rolls and Dessert. You may also supply your own liquid refreshments.

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FROM THE MANAGER The latest information - Ross Perrin

So much to say and so little space!

During the Narrow Gauge Meet Banquet Quentin made an announcement (which he has also posted on the front page), and for many this came as quite a shock. I am sure for a few key people it was a relief to hear him pass on the news. It was difficult to keep something like this quiet but those were his wishes.

I recall on one of Quentin's birthdays he had announced he expected to live well into his nineties and I have no reason to doubt that, as we know Quentin has great determination and I expect him to continue to help me figure out this huge track project.

Quentin passed the microphone to me last Saturday and I had many words of thanks to give out to acknowledge your accomplishments, but my mind was elsewhere - thinking about Quentin's announcement and the Train Mountain Dream. So for those I might have missed please accept my apology and let me thank you now. My emotions were high that night and those that know me don't often see emotions from me. I know Quentin will pull through this setback and

be around for us for a long time but it sure gets me thinking about his legacy to us which is that "Train Mountain Dream". What an accomplishment to just get to this point and then to want to share it with all of us! When I hear complaints about Train Mountain or harsh words directed at Train Mountain I tend to get a little edgy, then I think about it and laugh. We are really Quentin's guests and staff, it is his railroad and he just likes to share it. If that doesn't suit you, perhaps you have not found the right railroad of your dreams. I could talk pages on Quentin and his dream but I better move on or Russ might not let me write a story again.

While I am on a roll here, I wanted to also talk a bit about Friends of Train Mountain. As many of you are aware, FTM President John Black is also fighting cancer. While we think about him often and get updated on a regular basis we don't see much of him. It sounds like all is going good and we may see him in late July. Keep up the good fight John! John pretty much propelled Train mountain through years of contracts and permits (which hopefully will be completed and operation very soon) that puts us in line to expand northward, and thanks to Carl Vanderspek and Margaret Hope (the folks providing the financing) this project was made possible, also thank you to Mark Flitton who has joined this extraordinary group of folks on the board to create the vehicle to make Train Mountain larger and better than ever.

When you think about this hobby your first thought is trains, but we all know when it comes down to it the people make it special. So everyone should get a pat on the back and a heartfelt thank you for making this a wonderful hobby!

With the 2nd Narrow Gauge meet under our belt I think it is safe to say it is a keeper. This was definitely one of the best meets ever, the weather was a little tough at first but it turned into a great weekend of running and camaraderie. There is something about those engines and the people that is very special. I wanted to thank Hank Todaro for his article in Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading covering the meet last year, for his upcoming coverage and also for his efforts in making this meet great.

And we can't forget it was Kitsap Krew time! A little known fact is that Dennis Weaver is my fall guy when it comes to the Narrow Gauge Meet, he has been the advisor and with the help of his Krew has prepared us for the meet. Thanks guys and girls! In their normal fashion the Krew came and conquered all the issues at hand with great success.

Everything from equipment repairs to housekeeping was handled, numerous track repairs and emergency

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switch replacement was handled with ease, even some concrete work for the signal department and rodent control, they did it all. The club involvement is great to have; I hope other clubs will follow in Kitsap tracks. Thanks again to the Krew!

Donations have been rolling in and it is great! From the Edigers we received 2 display cases, coffee in the kitchen for all to enjoy and more artifacts for the museum, a box of authentic conductor's electric hand lanterns for passenger service circa 1980's from Bill Dobbs, air hose from Lee and Toni Brooks, 2 huge boxes of paint rollers-brushes and tape from Mike Raypholtz, a box of leather gloves for track workers from Bill Dwyer, bags of rags for the shops from Dennis Weaver, a lawn sweeper from Larry DaBroi, packing tape and coffee for the staff from George Hayden, milling and fly cutters for the shop, a new wireless PA setup from Woody Hensley (better known as our bouncer for the banquets), and kitchen stuff that I cannot list but I know you all leave things in there that make life better for all of us. Thanks to all for your support.

So what has been going on? Besides Kitsap Krew Week and the Narrow Gauge Meet, we still have lots happening, track panels being transported to the job, grade work has commenced, track is being built (12,500 feet so far), gardening is being done, track is being repaired, trains being fixed, cars being repaired, lots of maintenance is going on and all the normal store and office work. Thank you so much to all those volunteers helping and to my staff.

I have to give a big thanks to Cheryl, Richard, Debra, Jerry, Bev, Paul and Chris they are Train Mountain Staff and Friends of Train Mountain Staff that make things happen. Their skills are what we depend on for so many things. Thanks guys!

Oh Yeah, I do want to brag a bit on how my wife Kay has fit in so well and has filled a huge hole in my life and has certainly complimented my feelings for you and Train Mountain. She has become involved and is so pleased you have welcomed her into the group. But look out- she has talked more about trains than quilts!

Talk to you soon:

Ross Perrin, (GM) - tmrrgm@trainmountain.org

TRACK EXPANSION The latest information - Russ Wood

Paul and Chris are really putting out the track panels. The ground is starting to firm up so Ross and Richard can get the necessary dirt work done. Art Crisp and Charlie Schubert are anxious to start us on the right road to the first major track expansion project in many years. In addition to the track expansion remember that we will also be upgrading a mile of existing track each year as well.

All this and we must get ready for the next 'Big One' the 2009 Triennial. Sounds like fun doesn't it? All we need is you to come and give us a hand. After the finish grading, we put down the plastic sheeting. Next comes the track panels that need to be aligned and set for the picture perfect Train Mountain train ride. Lastly comes the 3/4 washed crushed rock that holds everything in place.

For those that are not into track laying please remember that while we are building NEW track we must maintain the OLD track. That means raking, pine cones and weeding, but it also means inspecting the 600 plus switches and switch points, working on the sidings and yards, lubricating anything that moves and anything else that needs fixing. Jerry Day is in charge of the Gators so please check with him for availability. The Gators are there for the express purpose of building and maintaining the railroad. Let's not abuse them. Thanks for helping with this important item.

Also if you have a pet project that you would like to work on, please bring what ever tools you are familiar with to work on that project. Do not expect that Train Mountain has enough tools to supply everyone with a complete set. Battery powered drill motors are in very short supply (as an example).

We have just learned that the timber tunnel on the Klamath and Western is in need of some major repairs. The local club (Klamath and Western Railroad Inc.) will be working with the Train Mountain staff and will try and get this back in service as soon as possible. As of right now the line through and over the timber tunnel is out of service!

Narrow Gauge Meet Attendees

Last	First	City	St	Equipment
Agee	Rod	Port Ludlow	WA	
Allen	Bob	Bremerton	WA	
Artzberger	Thomas	Pagosa Springs	CO	RGS #20 & Train
Banta	Bill	Dummerston	VT	
Barnes	Chuck	Modesto	CA	
Beard	Kim	Seaside	CA	The same
Bell	Robert	Portola Valley	CA	4-6-0 RGS#20 Steam engine
Benjamin	Brian, Shirl	Bend	OR	Box cab Electric, 2 flats
Bjerrum	Raymond & Becky	Kerman	CA	2 1/2 ga C&S Mogul , 4 narrow gauge cars
Boller	Bill ,Holly	Saratoga	CA	3- Truck Shay
Booth	Jimmy	Ukiah	CA	
Breen	Quentin, Sharon	Chiloquin	OR	
Brooks	Lee,Toni	Chiloquin	OR	
Bruce	Willard	Bend	OR	

Last	First	City	St	Equipment	Last	First	City	St	Equipment
Bruner-Welch	Don,	Santa Rosa	CA	2-T Shay, 4 cars	Schmidt	Ronald	Portola Valley	CA	Two Steam Engines and
Burns	,	Salinas	CA	2-8-0 4 narrow gauge cars	Chank	Dill	Th. Dwc	0.	nine cars
Butler	Boyd,Twila	Kennewick	WA		Shepherd	Bill	Ft. Bragg	CA	
Cary	Mitch,Paula	Weed	CA		Smith	Mark, Marijke	Huntington	VT	
Clontz, Jr	Chester Evans	Bend	OR		Stanfield	Ken,Pat	Battle Ground	WA	1gas, Davenport- 4 flat cars
Cooper	John, Thomas	Klamath Falls	OR		Stark	Richard	Dublin	CA	
Coram Cowart	Guy Matt, Gabe	Corvallis Lebanon	OR OR	Goose	Steuer	Carolyn	Lebanon	OR	
Crandall	Clark	Port Ludlow	WA	00096	Stowell	Scott,Claude,Dotti,	Clinton	UT	
Critchlow	Bill	Kerhonkson	NY	2.5 scale Plymouth HL-3 switcher & Riding car	Swain	Erin, Lynette, Alex	Flagstaff	AZ	2-60, Gondola, Flat car, coach
Cummings	Terry, Betty	Costa Mesa	CA		Taylor	Lowell	Carlton	OR	
Davenport		Sammamish		SW1500 w/slug, 8 cars	Taylor	Daniel	Centerville	VA	
Dent		Dublin	CA		Taylor	Al, Alma	Chiloquin	OR	
Depretto Dobbs	Jon William	Wildcat Lake Villanova	WA PA	D&RGW # 483 and 15 cars	Templin	Steve, Rebecca,	Springfield	OR	2-4-0 Hydrostatic Steam
Doe	Kevin	Roswell	GA	2.5" scale- 2-8-2 Locomotive, Caboose, Stock Car,	Th	Kaci, Luke	Dattle Oracid	10/0	"Templin Farms Railroad #12"
Dolph	John. Rosalind	Palo Alto	CA	Gondola, 2 Flat Cars	Thompson	Denny, Bryce, Lorrie	Battle Ground		S-12, Riding Car, Caboose
Duling	Patrick, Linda,	Forest Grove		C&D #7, 2-6-0	Thompson	Brandon, Holly, Katie	Portland	OR	
Dwyer	Dwayne Bill,Gary Kruse	Alameda	CA	Containerville	Todaro	Hank	Winona	TX	
Easlon	Steven	Alturas	CA		Tolan	Kevin, Jeff	Huntington	CA	
Eaton		Shingletown	CA	-0.40 Domila L	Ulin	Richard, Linda	Beach Broomfield	СО	2-8-0 and 5 cars
Ediger	Dennis, Sharon "Mort"	Camas	WA	kS-12, Purple bicycle, Generator, Refer Car, 2	Vandersluis	Geoff	Tacoma	WA	L U-U anu U Cars
				Flat cars, Caboose					CW4500 0
Farra		Oxford	PA	·	Veltman	Tom	Springfield		SW1500, 6 cars
Firkus	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Bend	OR	SD-45 SP 8887, freight	Vodden	Tere	Falls City	OR	
Fite	Felicia, Amanda, Catrina, CJ John	Avondale Es-	GA	cars C&S 2-6-0	Ward	Dennis	Springfield	OR	Sw1500 w/slug,GP50,Box car,Log car,Gondola Flat, 2 Cabooses
		tates			Weaver	Dennis,Marie, Tadd	Retsil	WA	Shay And Train Goose
Gash		Washoe Valley	NV	Courthorn #04.0.4.0.00		Lenon			•
Gray	ŕ	Milwaukie	OR	Southern #84 0-4-0 SP Bulkhead flat	Welch	Glenn	Santa Rosa,	CA	
Gross	*	Palo Alto	CA		Westover	Paul	Tehachapi	CA	AT)/F B'
Hartin	man Jack, Cheryl	Grants Pass	OR		Zingheim	Bill	Port Ludlow		ATV For Photo eg.
Hayden	George	Renton	WA	Tool Bag	Vanderspeck	Carl	Burnaby, BC	CA	C16
Jackson	Chuck	Falls City	OR						
Jacox	Austin	Bend	OR						
Jones	Courtney,Amy	Hobart Chino	WA	1 Locomotivre& 10 Cars	Meet	Work V	Veek		Train Meet
Lavacot	Paul	Chino Yamhill	CA OR	R GS#6& CDS #13 (2-6-0)					
Lavacot Lavrich	Michael, Aeneas,	Bend	OR		L T			M00 0	
Lindsay	Christopher Benton Lannie	Eugene	OR		June Train	Sat, May 24-Th	urs, May 29	⊢ri,	May 30- Sun, June 1
Lovely	John, Cynthia	Flagstaff	AZ	Steam engine,1car Casey Jones Rail Bus	Meet 2008				
Mairs	Richard	Tacoma	WA		July Train			i, July 4- Sun, July 6	
Mcinnes Machan	lan,Cheryl	Puyallup	WA	Lil Lima	Meet 2008				
Meehan Meinershagen	Erik Charlie	Tacoma Redding	CA	1925Class-D Baldwin / Westinghouse Steeple-Cab Electric Switcher and gondola.	Aug Ops Meet 2008	Sat, July 26-Thurs, July 31 Fri, Aug 1- Sun, Au		i, Aug 1- Sun, Aug 3	
Miller	James, Tyler	Bend	OR	Electric Locomotive, riding car, car, caboose	September Train Meet			, Sept 5- Sun, Sept 7	
Mills	Jeff	Puyallup	WA		2008				
Monson	Matt	Turlock		SP 8151 & Riding car				_	
Moseley	Peter	Portola Valley	CA	C-16 Consolidation,box car,Tank car,Idler flat,Derrick	Fall Colors No Work Week Fri, Oct 3- Sun, Meet 2008		ri, Oct 3- Sun, Oct 5		
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THIRD MEET of 2008 SCHEDULE The who, the what and the where!

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat, May 24th	9:00 AM	Begin Work Week, which runs through Thursday, May 27th at 4:30 PM
Sat, May 24th	6:00 PM	Welcome Potluck at Central Station for all volunteers who arrive early for Work Week. Coordinated by Kay Perrin 783- 2730.
Sun, May 25th Mon, May 26th	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides K&W Beanery Open
Mon, May 26th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers at Central Station. Hosts Dennis and Mort Ediger — SEE NOTES.
Tue, May 27th	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers . Hosts Jim, Wendy, Sierra and Jed Kincaid— SEE NOTES.
Thu, May 29th	1:00 to 4:00 pm	Chiloquilters. Sewers / Crafters will meet in Central Station, show and tell, beginners welcome- SEE NOTES.
Thu, May 29th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Host Bert Newberry-SEE NOTES.
Fri, May 30th	9:00 AM	Third 2008 Train Mountain Train Meet begins, which runs through Sunday. Company Store open Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
Fri, May 30th	6:00 PM	Pizza and Beer celebration for all train meet attendees. Hosts Russ and Linda Wood—SEE NOTES.
Sat, May 31st	6:00 PM	Train Mountain Banquet, held at Central Station, tickets available online at www.TrainMountain.org or 541-783-3030. See menu on page 2
Sun, June 1st	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides K&W Beanery Open
Sun, June 1st	4:00 PM	The Third 2008 Meet ends.

NEW THIS YEAR!! The Edigers will be hosting a Spaghetti dinner **6:00 p.m. Monday** at Central Station.

The Kincaid dinner for all volunteers who work during the work week will be held at their home at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27th. Directions are available at the Train Mountain Main Office.

The Chiloquilters will hold a special **Thursday** Sewing Social at each of the Train Mountain work weeks. They will meet in the Central Station from **1:00 to 4:00 pm**. This is not just for quilters, this is for all kinds of sewing, needlework, crafts, etc.. Whatever project you are working on, please bring it for show and tell.

Bert Newberry will be hosting a 'cook it yourself' hot dog/ hamburger barbecue **6:00 p.m. Thursday** at his home, a very short drive from Train Mountain. Directions available at the office.

Russ and Linda Wood will be hosting their regular Pizza and Beer night. If you are going to be running at Train Mountain please keep your consumption directed towards the pizza and not the beer! The event is held at their home at 6 p.m. Friday evening during all Train Meet weekends. Bring nothing but your appetite. Directions are available at the Office.

Please Help the Hosts and Hostesses by signing up for those dinners you wish to attend. These nice folks need to know how many are coming! Sign up in the Central Station Office as soon as you arrive.

Photo Gallery

If you want to know how big a meet it was check out Cheryl and the badge wall!

Now I've been around the hobby for some time and around many meets, but when it comes to ingenuity about the transportation issue, this is the hands down winner!





BTW — the engineer car was in there too! Good job!





If you love steamers you need to join the fun at the next Narrow Gauge Meet. Such grand machines and the details were hard to believe. Crisp Yard was completely full and out on the track there were these won-





derful machines filling the air with the terrific sights, sounds, and smells of working steam engines. What a great meet!



Photo Gallery (cont).

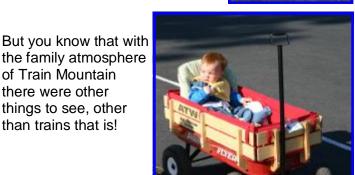
Like I said, everywhere one looked there was a steamer or two. Also notice as this an early in the year meet, there are still one or two of those pesky little pine cones!



One could find rod engines, geared engines, all kinds of engines. There was also quite a large selection of narrow gauge rolling stock making for some terrific looking trains.



With the weather being so cold the steamers put on a show of hissing and chuffing that was a grand show. Even the simple act of blowing their whistle for the grade crossings took on a very special look.



Now I've seen these guys before at other meets and they are always hanging around the yard! What goes on here?

the family atmosphere of Train Mountain there were other

things to see, other

than trains that is!







A simple station stop resulted in many cool photo ops. Everywhere there were cameras and photographers recording the hot action!



Some of the photographers were a little more inventive than others!



In addition to the many engine types the variety of stacks on these models was just as great. Straight stacks, balloon stacks. all kinds of stacks!



Of course not all narrow gauge locomotives are steamers. There was a wonderful collection of diesels, motor cars, etc..



Even though it was a narrow gauge meet all members were invited and many came and brought their toys!

Look closely at this last picture and you will see some of the stacked up track panels ready for installation.





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