



The Mountain GAZETTE

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Greetings:

I was standing in the sunshine at home enjoying warm, spring air and thinking about what to plant; the first row of garden peas. So. . . then, it snowed, and it was nice and cold too.

Dan Parks has joined Greg and I on the TMRR Museum Board. He has been a friend and business partner of Quentin's for a very long time and brings attorney expertise. We are working on resolving a few immediate challenges to the end that Train Mountain will be a more cohesive and efficient unit.

I like puzzles, but this has been and is the most challenging ever!

Thank you for your support of Train Mountain, the staff, myself and each other .

Sharon

Judging from the amount of activity around here one would get the idea that there is something big brewing and it should be ready to bottle soon! I wonder, what could it be? I think it might be another building season on the northern expansion, or could it be the 2009 Train Mountain International Triennial? Well what ever it is, there is lots going on!

One of the very hard to do projects around here is the planned Memorial Garden area. It is not that it is necessarily hard work or hard to plan, it's just that every time one of us starts working on it, we are reminded of why we need such a place, the passing of loved ones and great comrades and friends. While attending the services for past member Al Jones, I received a phone call notifying me of another members passing, Lee Pirtle. In the past we have restrained from listing obituaries as such. In keeping with that theme. I will simply state I will miss them terribly and they will definitely have a place in the new Memorial Garden area. It will be an area to honor the memories of the great times we had with them and to remind us all to enjoy life while we can because we are all mortal.

Triennial fever is starting to infect us all here at

Train Mountain. Every three years we get to put on the worlds greatest gathering of 7 1/2 inch gauge rail-roading! The 2006 show saw some 300 plus engines and folks from around the globe. If you think getting here from where you live is hard, tack on about 15,000 miles and you get to see what the folks from Australia, Europe and elsewhere have to do! We applaud them and with all of our help, we can give them a great event and have a lot of fun at the same time! I think we should add a theme to this years International event and that theme is 'Keeping the Dream'. Let's do all we can to help Sharon and Train Mountain maintain the vision and progress we have made in 'Keeping the Dream'. Speaking of the Triennial, please read Jerry Crane's column about needing a couple more chairpersons and Jeff needing some presenters for the seminars.

For some of you, this will be the last issue of the Gazette that you will receive. Why, you ask? **'Cause you ain't paid 'yer dues yet!** Seriously please get your dues and registrations in so you can keep getting the Gazette and the information you will need to know about upcoming events like the Triennial. All the forms are online, or you can call the office and Alma can help you out. When you call please be gentle, as she is really, really busy with all that's going on!

If you would like to have a very busy, busy job around here, just try keeping up with Sharon! She is in and out, and all about town taking care of business. Her focus is on family affairs, and, of course, we are part of her family. Please give her a hug when you see her and just try and stay out of her way as she is on a mission. What mission? Why the mission of 'Keeping the Dream' of course! Thank you Sharon.

The vendor mailing has gone out to the known list and so far we have had great response. The vendor area is open to any company having items for sale that are of interest to our members. Not just live steam or riding scale but also G scale as well. Remember we are building a huge garden railway at Midway Circle. If you know of any manufacturer that could benefit from presenting their wares here at the

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Triennial, please have them get in touch with me.
Thanks, Russ

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FROM THE MANAGER
The latest information - Ross Perrin

Things are hopping here, every day we have Triennial business and questions from all around the world. This event has become a must for railroaders in our hobby and the efforts you put forth will make it that way for ever and continue the legacy Quentin deserves. Planning is going good and Alma is getting everything organized. Registrations are coming in daily and the count of people and equipment is growing. We have people from as far away as Australia, UK, Canada and Europe already registered. Many of you are looking for vendor booth information. Russ Wood has been busy getting all that ready for you and it should be available very soon. Thanks Russ.

A lot of camping questions have come in. Blue Caboose Campground is reserved for long term workers and committee chairpersons we need on site for the Triennial. For other events, the Blue Caboose Campground is first come first served and is for RVs and trailers only. Six Acre Campground is for tent campers primarily and South Meadow is for all to use. The last two have no hook ups, with the exception of some water connections. We will again locate a few portable septic tanks in the South Meadow area for you to dump your waste tanks into, if needed. Although we try to accommodate you as best we can, still problems do arise and sometimes we cannot create a solution. We will do all we can to accommodate you, but some of you will have to use local

campgrounds, which are listed on the web site. I have read many emails and read some of your club newsletters with kind words of loss about Quentin and support of the Triennial. Thank you for this remembrance of a great man and his legacy and for the support you have shown toward Train Mountain's continuing goal of railroading.

Out in the field things are slow due to weather, but work continues in the shop, track is being built and maintenance is being completed on equipment. It is hard to believe but our biggest challenge right now is finding dirt! Ya, I said dirt. You see Richard is pretty picky about dirt, it has to be the right stuff to fill with, then a different stuff to top coat and finish grade. He is so picky, but that is what makes the grade work well so we have to follow his recommendations. It is an interesting problem when you're on over 2000 acres of dirt but you don't want to lose trees, scar the landscape, create drainage problems or create problems for future railroad grades. You look and test the ground and work the maps trying to keep the haul short and close to roads. Don't worry we'll find some dirt, though.

The Panziks have been busing adding many interesting items to the displays in the Hall of Flags. Jerry Balf and Lee Brooks have been busy in the shop machining parts for switch machines. Larry Debroy, Lee Breuer and Ron Young are building buildings (I'll let what they are building be a surprise). Lee Breuer jumps from one shop to another working on buildings, putting together mile posts and signs in the back shop and working on barricades for roads down in Richard's shop. Thanks to all of you.

This month I want to award the "Good Guy Award" to the one person responsible for our continued success and creating the path that we can follow to insure we have Train Mountain to enjoy for years to come: Sharon Breen. While I tend to focus on member's accomplishments, I think you all need to know what Sharon has been up to. While facing some of life's toughest problems in the past year or so, she has continued to solve the problems of Train Mountain and is maintaining the "Dream" in a way Quentin would be proud of. Put yourself in her shoes and think of the stress and sorrow and say "Thank You." Our future looks good and she is working hard to keep it that way. Thanks Sharon!

Spreader update: Still waiting for permits! Just because we are waiting doesn't mean you have to. Send in your donation (Save the Rotary Fund) and help us get closer to our \$47,000.00 goal. Remember any little bit helps and you will be listed as a supporter on the appropriate signage. Thank You in advance.

Another sad event has occurred, Lee Pirtle has
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passed on. On January 24 Lee suffered a stroke, as Brenda, Lee's wife told me. Lee always helped us out with rides for interested folks and special tours, snow plowing and great camaraderie out in the backshop. Lee and his CORP Locomotive also ran the 24 hour "enduro" (2006) as he called it and showed the hobby what he and his equipment could do. We will all miss you Lee, thanks for the good times. A service for Lee will be announced in the future.

So how much train stuff did you buy at the BIG Company Store sale? I hope you didn't miss out. Kay has some cool stuff in there and is looking for more all the time. Find something we should know about for the store? Let Kay know; even your hand crafted items are things we want to know about. Many of you railroaders have invented things that work and others might want some, so let's do some business. As always thank you for supporting us through the Company Store.

Talk to you soon:

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

THE TENDER HALF

More items for the tender half - Kay Perrin

Hey, I like this. I throw out a question and instantly get results. Both Matt Monson, Kevin Lee and John Cooper had some good ideas on where a person could actually run a full sized train. The closest to here seems to be at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum in Portola, Ca. They do have a website: www.wplives.org and also a phone for information or to make appointments to RUN-A-LOCOMOTIVE (530-832-4532).

There is also one available in April of 2009 in Nevada. For inquiry dial 775-289-2085 or email: nnry@mwpower.net. Please keep sharing what you find. We'd all like to hear about it especially, if someone actually gets to try it out.

While I was chatting with Matt, he disclosed that he had many good ideas for the store. I hope that each of you know that I am eager to listen to all ideas. I may not always be able to produce immediately, but I do keep a someday list.

On that note I would also like to ask for your help with the online store. A few weeks ago I noticed that many of the pin pictures were not showing up. The website does not like the "&" symbol. This I knew, but the pin section has been there since the site went up...so I assumed it was just fine. NOT SO!!! For some reason the program decided it was not going to tolerate such (&) symbols any more and would not display pictures for any item that had one.

It was only by chance I discovered it, and it is fixed now. The request I have of you is that if you see something that doesn't look right or is missing a picture....please email me ASAP at store@trainmountain.org.

I haven't heard too much from you this month, so I'll share a candy craft train recipe I found.... in part to show you just how simple your sharing idea can be. You may think something is silly, but someone else may think it's great.

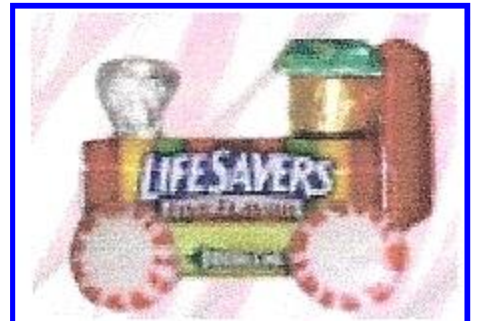
Candy Train-A Candy Craft Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 roll of Lifesavers Candy
- 1 small package of gum
- 1 Chocolate Rollo Candy
- 1 Hershey's Kiss
- 1 mini Hershey's bar
- 1 Starburst Candy
- 4 round peppermint candies
- 1 Low temp. hot glue gun

Directions:

- 1. If you want to use your train for an ornament, tie a ribbon into a loop around the Lifesavers.
- 2. Glue the roll of Lifesavers to the package of gum.
- 3. Glue the peppermint candies (wheels) on each side of the gum.
- 4. Glue the Hershey's kiss on the end of the Lifesavers to make a smokestack.
- 5. On the other end of the train glue a Rollo candy to make the engineer's cab. Glue the Starburst candy on top for the roof.
- 6. Finally glue your mini Hershey's bar to the back of your train connecting the Starburst, Rollo and Lifesavers.



Very Cute!

Please share with

us. I'm sure these could be used for all kinds of things. Hope to hear from you soon!!!!

Kay

SAVE THE ROTARY

Progress and collections - Steve Panzik

We want to thank all those that have given so generously in these very difficult financial times. You have all had a hand in the preserving of these great rail-

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road artifacts. We have raised about half of the complete goal of \$47k. The list below are those that have given, thank you, thank you, We would love to add your name to the list. We also are waiting on permits and a break in the weather to move the spreader up to Train Mountain. Remember any amount is greatly appreciated, and, in fact we will take small monthly contributions if that is easier on you and your budget. Contributors so far are:

Dennis Thompson, Bill and Rose Marie Dobbs, Al Whitcombe, John M. Rodgers, Glenn L. Stephenson, Lannie Lindsay, Joel Slagg, Lutz Braun, Jerry Crane, Denny Ellis, Richard Bartel, John Lovely, Glenn McGhee, Joel Blenkinsop, Frank Bartholomew, David Towle, Peter Moseley, P. Wise-Kaasa, George Hoke, Doug Wilkinson, C. Young, Howard Brown, Raymond Rossing, John Kelso, Howard Springer, Richard Jensen, Ed Ackerman, Jim Beauchamp, Mort & Dennis Ediger, David Van Sickle, Lowell Dietz, Greg Peterson, Tom Veltman, Robert Darby, William Mossop, Bill Dwyer, Bert Newberry, Boyd Butler, Jeff Phillips, Walter Dawson, Dennis Ward, Lee Breuer, John Wheelock, B. E. Nelson, Gerald Cooper, Ralph Gochmour, Ed Wisehart, Michael Raypholtz, Dave Fontes, Pam and Steve Panzik.

If you have sent us a check and you don't see your name on the list, please contact us and we will get it straightened out. Thanks again for your support.

TRIENNIAL REPORT

Volunteer Committees - Jerald Crane

Only four months to major fun time.

We have filled four more of the volunteer chairperson positions. Pat Durant will be one of the Co-chairpersons for Boiler Test, Judy and Bill Ross will be Campground Hosts at the Six Acre Campground, John Black will be chairperson for Friends of Train Mountain Activities and Jeff Mills will be the Seminars chairperson. Jeff is currently looking for people to conduct one hour seminars on any train subject. If you are interested in conducting one of these seminars, please contact him at jhmills51@hotmail.com. We still have the Security Chairperson position open. If you are interested in this job, please contact me.

Remember, you don't have to be a chairperson to provide volunteer help at the Triennial. Come to the daily 8 am volunteer meeting during the work week and we will find a good job for you. Also, daily during the Triennial you can help by serving a two hour shift working at on of the many volunteer stations. There will be signup sheets for these jobs in the Hall of Flags.

G SCALE NEWS

The Midway Garden Railroad

Dennis & Mort Ediger



Well we made a trip to Train Mountain to see if we could get a head start on the spring cleaning but guess what? The ground was frozen, the pond was frozen, the air was frozen (well not quite) but you get the picture. So we loaded up and headed home, waiting for warmer weather. Having said all that, we are still looking for donations for G Scale goodies to use on this huge area. Keep your eyes open for bargain goodies as we need lots and lots of stuff.

Photo Gallery



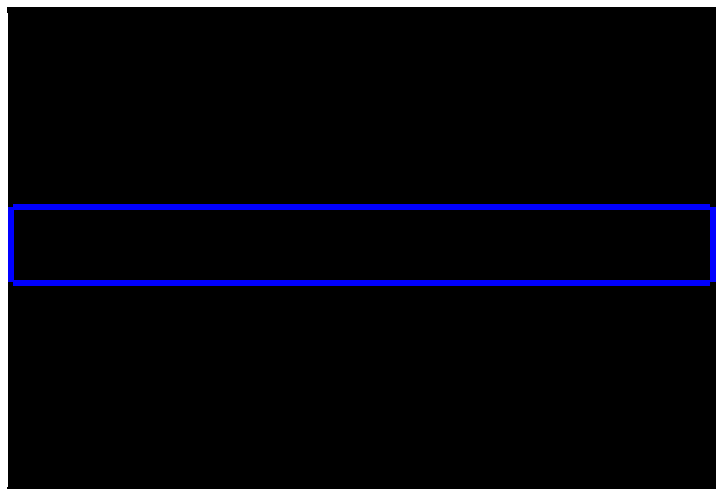
Even the real railroads appreciate Train Mountain. Here we see the line up of vehicles from their last safety training class.



Backshop activities include making up another batch of track gauges for all you track layers out there.



The Backshop boys, Jerry Balf and Lee Brooks, have been busy cleaning up one of the mills and Richard moved over to the Trackshop for all the switch building activities going on.



Memorial Gathering for Quentin: May 24, 2009 at 3:30 pm



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