



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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**I have** two subjects for this month's issue of the Gazette, the first is about the upcoming Triennial. If you have attended one of these great events in the past you remember how many people it took to make it happen. There were people at the gate to greet you, van drivers, loading and unloading crews, inspectors for the equipment and at the safety check point, there were security people, seminar speakers, camp ground hosts and hostesses, and the list goes on and on. All of these volunteers are being coordinated through Jerry Crane the 2009 Volunteer Chairman ([jerald\\_crane@q.com](mailto:jerald_crane@q.com)). If you haven't attended a Triennial before you are in for a treat. Imagine 300 plus engines from all over the world. Imagine a couple of thousand live steam enthusiasts like yourself, imagine 30 miles of track winding through a private forest in the beautiful Southern Oregon mountains. Try to imagine having a great time doing all of that! That last one was not too hard to imagine right? Please make sure you attend this event and if you've got room drag along a buddy or two! If you are planning to attend please hurry and get your registrations in as soon as possible. It really helps those that are doing all the planning for the meet. Thank you. Additionally Jeff Mills is still looking for seminar speakers so please if you would like to give a talk on your favorite railroad subject drop him a line at: [jhmills51@hotmail.com](mailto:jhmills51@hotmail.com). And I'm still looking for a few more vendors to entice us with their goodies.

**My second** subject this month is one that I love to talk about. It has to do with my continuing campaign to honor Quentin and the theme of 'Keeping the Dream'. In my interpretation of 'Keeping the Dream' I am a firm believer in the mystique surrounding Train Mountain. The entire project is based on the old Tom Sawyer / Huckleberry Finn story about **US** paying Train Mountain so that we can come and paint **THEIR** fence! That pay comes in the form of volunteer members who come every summer and do large amounts of work towards the aim of making Train Mountain bigger, better, and more fun than any other facility that caters to our hobby. If you've watched any of the previous Triennial videos or listened to any of Quentin's speeches about what Train Mountain is and how it got here they are all about

the marriage between Train Mountain and the volunteers. Quentin stated many times that money alone could not have built Train Mountain, that without the volunteers coming and doing all of the many tasks called upon, there would be no Train Mountain. In this new era it is important that we not only enjoy the major track expansion project, but also embrace the huge undertaking of maintaining the facility we've already got and of course maintaining all the new track as well. This will require not only the pine needle raking and hauling but also the log removal from the new area, visual track inspections, green block maintenance, switch maintenance, weeding, but many other tasks. Several of these can be done by train and thus we can also keep Quentin's philosophy of not only running our trains but also the 'playing the railroad game' while building and maintaining the railroad. While many of the projects going on at this moment are being done by employees, there is still a major need and desire to have the volunteers participate in this endeavor. Bottom line, we need you and want you to come and enjoy and to participate in the mystique of Train Mountain.

**I want** to take this opportunity to thank all of you for treating Alma so well during her training period, the office is a very busy place especially during dues time and a Triennial year. Just about the time she gets caught up it seems to get just a little busier than before. Anyhow, thanks.

**Among the** many cool things going on around here is a complete remodel of the Company Store. Kay and a whole host of folks have really made some dramatic improvements to the facility. Well done Kay and crew!

**Speaking of** facility wait until you see how far Steve and Pam have gotten on the museum portion of the Hall of Flags. Wow! Looks terrific. There are railroad displays of all kinds including, diner china, timetables, telegraph keys, miniature trains, old photos and all kinds of goodies. It really is impressive what they've done in such a small amount of time. I can't wait to see what's next. Good job!

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**Next up** is the Narrow Gauge Meet. Please remember that all members and their equipment are welcome not just narrow gaugers. However the main focus will be towards the awesome models of the narrow gauge community. It is just amazing to see these works of art and because they treat our 7 1/2 in gauge track as many other scales the sheer size of some of these models is mind blowing! It is also a chance for Train Mountain to get a good shake down cruise to see what needs to be fixed, upgraded, or otherwise attended to prior to the Triennial later this year. Please come and join in the fun!

**As we** get closer to our normal running season it is a good time to remind you that the Klamath and Western Railroad is always looking for assistance in hauling the public. They are open from Memorial Day through Labor day and run from 10 to 3 on Sundays. If you are here for a Train Mountain meet please come by and see how you can give them a hand. Thanks.

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**FROM THE MANAGER**  
**The latest information - Ross Perrin**

I don't know about you but I am getting cabin fever!! A few days of sun and warm air and I am ready to go outside and do stuff and we all know there is lots to do.

As I work on this, the Southern Pacific Spreader is being moved to its track in the MOW Display area! Kay and I, with many others, watched the move at 7AM Sunday morning. The trip from the railhead in Chiloquin to Train Mountain went very well. However, I was concerned with the temporary driveway into the track area because of the soft conditions. But, it rolled right through, with the guys laying out mats for the wheels to run over. Boy, did I let out a sigh of relief when it was safely in the parking lot. I am so pleased with the

job that has been done and the addition to Train Mountain is wonderful. Many thanks to the moving crew and the efforts of Steve and Pam Panzik and Russ Wood for undertaking the project. I'm sure Quentin is proud to see this project nearing completion. But, guess what? It still has to be paid for! Keep those donations coming so we can wipe this one off the books.

As Train Mountain continues to look for income producing ventures, we are working on improving the ones we have, such as lease income from the Cell Towers, (which will soon have a boost as AT&T adds a tower) and The Company Store, which Kay is working hard on to expand and add inventory. The store is now operating the best it ever has and is getting great comments from shoppers all over the world. While improvement will continue, Kay is trying very hard to meet your needs and add personality to the store. I'm sure those of you shopping at the store are enjoying the experience and we appreciate your support for Train Mountain. Thank you Kay and thanks to all you shoppers. [www.trainmountain.org/store.asp](http://www.trainmountain.org/store.asp)

Thank you to Jerry and Louise Balf for donations of paint brushes to the carpenter shop (makes you jump for joy huh, Jeanne M?). Jerry and Louise also provided a new sump pump for Crisp Yard Steaming Bays and some trailer parts for the maintenance shop. Another thank you to Dennis and Mort Ediger for a manual rail bender and more great stuff going in at the Garden Railroad. Books and magazines were donated by a local neighbor, Mary Kelley, and thank you so much. The research material is a great addition to the library. Another building, thanks to Larry Debroi, is being built for the Daffodil Winery area.

Art Crisp has been busy building switch parts, Gordon Felber has been working on prepping rail in the track shop, Larry Debroi and Ron Young, with Caroline Jones' help, have been busy in the carpenter shop, Lee Breuer is always filling in the gaps with help and ideas, Steve and Pam Panzik have been busy with museum displays in the Hall of Flags, Peg Schubert has been helping out in the office, as well as Carol Lanctot and Jerry Balf has been working in the shop, with some help from Lee Brooks. Toni Brooks has been busy helping on inventories. Thank you everyone for all your efforts.

This thank you takes a separate paragraph. Thank you Russ Wood for all your work on the Gazette, Rotary Fund, Vendor/Triennial organizing, helping Kay in the store and helping Alma and Sharon with computer problems, but most of all for accepting all the chores with enthusiasm. Russ exemplifies the great volunteers we have here at The Mountain. Thanks Russ.

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Again if I missed you in my thank you, I am sorry. Let me know if you were forgotten and I will make it up to you.

Some good news for some of you; Blue Caboose Campground sewer system upgrades have been approved and signed off by the engineers and Department of Environmental Quality. Next step is bidding the job, which is in progress, and then putting the money together. I am estimating the outsourced job will be about \$12,000.00. With luck we can get this project funded and the work will be done in May. Keep your fingers crossed.

Another great project is Containerville. The good news is I just bought 2 more containers and we will get them on site this week. Then, when time and weather conditions permit, we will start the installation process.

Who is the "Good Guy" this month? Well it is a couple again, Dennis and Sharon (Mort) Ediger. Over the years of quiet involvement and close association with Jim Lane, they have donated so many things that make Train Mountain better. They fixed up their container and it has become a standard design, they were part of the start up group that got the flagpole project in place, and, as they announced their retirement, they wanted to do more here so they took an abandoned project in Midway and turned it into a running Garden Railroad that will be world class. As Russ Wood exemplifies the wonderful folks here, Dennis and Mort prove that point. Thank you Dennis and Mort!

Talk to you soon:

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## THE TENDER HALF

### More items for the tender half - Kay Perrin

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Good Job Sara! Our friend Sara Ackerman has found yet another place where you can be an "Engineer For A Day". It's in Sumpter, Oregon at the Sumpter Valley Railroad. To check it out go to [www.svry.com](http://www.svry.com). I'm just going to have to try this someday.

We also found very cool wall border....I know several of you were looking for it. It's not the one with a plane, boat and a train (although I can get that if someone wants it). It's a gorgeous steam locomotive traveling through a scenic mountain countryside. It's soooo cool, I had to get it for the store. It's already up on the website under miscellaneous.



*Mountain scene w/Train design 7" wide x 15 feet in length - pre-pasted repeat = 25"*

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Speaking of the store....we've physically grown! What was once my office is now store. It gives for a whole different feel. I didn't realize until I started moving things around that I had items stuck in every little nook and cranny. I admittedly truly missed all of my summer time helpers. I kept hearing Joyce Kludt say, "Keep it simple" and wishing that I still had everyone's valued opinions and reassurances on where to put things. I'm hoping I can count on many of you again this summer. Pam Schilling has said she is willing to help, but we're going to need lots of helpers...especially during the Triennial. If you are willing would you email me at [store@trainmountain.org](mailto:store@trainmountain.org) ? I'd like to have at least 2 people in the store whenever we're open and I also plan to be open more.... At least during the Triennial. I am also going to be needing some serious help in May....we have to do inventory.

There has been some talk about having a selling section in the newsletter, but until all the details are worked out ...I'm going to do this. One of our members, Gladys Adams has some very special train treasures she would like to sell. She has 11 Golden Age of American Railroads plates (\$60 each) painted by Ted Xaras. They all have their authenticity cards and are all numbered: Portrait in Steam, The Santa Fe Super Chief, Winter Crossing from the Winter Rails, The Blue Cornet, The Morning Local, The American Classic, Above the Canyon, The Empire Builder, The Pennsylvania, Final Destination and The Big Boy. She also has 6 Rhodes Studio sterling/pewter plates (\$80 each) sculptured by Daniel Stapleford all numbered with authenticity cards: The K-28, The K4 Class, The Hudson J3A Streamliner, K-28, The American Standard 4.4.0 and The Challenger Class 6-64. Last but not least there a 4 Christian Bell Porcelain Ltd., by Ted Xaras (\$60 each) : The Hiawatha The Milwaukee Road, Morning at the Depot-The Erie, Hittin the Diamond-B & O and Winter on the Boston and Maine. If anyone is interested she can be reached by email: [gladysadam@aol.com](mailto:gladysadam@aol.com) or call 530-938-2187. Train Mountain has no interest or responsibility in this matter.

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I found a very interesting website. It is [www.traintraveling.com](http://www.traintraveling.com). If you click Events Calendar, it will give you lots of places that are having holiday train rides. We've pretty much missed the St. Patrick's Day rides, but it looks like there's quite a few (even locally) for Easter. Check it out...you might even get some ideas for your clubs.

Thank you to all of you who have emailed me with ideas. Some of them I'm still working on, but I'm going to share Scott and Alice Lewis' find. I'd love to someday have these in the store, but I don't see it happening in the near future. They found a site that has some pretty terrific train shirts at reasonable prices. It is [www.highseastrading.com](http://www.highseastrading.com).

Don't forget to keep your eyes peeled for a caboose cake pan....we're still looking...and anything else you might like to share.

TTFN, Kay

*Editors note: Also remember that the Chiloquilters and the Train Mountain Thursday ladies are still looking for those 'Keeping the Dream' blocks for their special project. They also would like me to remind all of you that they are planning their 4th Annual Quilt Show located at the Chiloquin Community Center in Chiloquin during the weekend of the Triennial Celebration.*

## ROTARY REPORT

### Actually the Spreader Report - Steve Panzik

Well the main hurdles are over! Both the rotary and the spreader on the property at Train Mountain, Hurray! The spreader made its way to Train Mountain on a very cold (very early) Sunday morning, March 15th. A few very brave souls watched the quick trip up to the parking area and then the fun began. After a thaw of the snow and ice and a morning further chilled by rain, the ground was at best WET and SOGGY! The crew did a great job and took their time making the turn into the parking area and letting the spreader come to rest almost in it's final resting place. They will be back in a week or so to do some final positioning and some re-welding of some goodies that were removed to allow for the moving of the pieces.

Since the last report the following members have added to the fund and we sincerely thank them for their support. They are: Cal Tinkham, 'CSX' Carl Schmidt, Red Nelson, Gerald Cooper, and a 2nd offering by Bill Dwyer. With the previous donations and these we are over half way home to our goal of \$47k and we thank you. For anyone else that would like to help but are a little strapped for cash, any amount is a big help, even if you would like to donate \$5 a month for awhile that all goes into the same fund.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of this project.

## Photo Gallery



Here's the rotary making the turn into the parking area and not the picture isn't blurry I was just shaking from the cold!



The use of plywood sheets and some silent prayers made the muddy turn look easy.



Oh yeah they had to slip it in between all the trees in the parking area too!



So here she sits, almost home! Thanks to Steve for taking on this task and getting it done! Good job, and now let's see where was that dining car located?

| Event                  | Work Week                  | Train Meet               |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Narrow Gauge Meet 2009 | No Work Week               | Fri, May 1- Sun May 3    |
| June Meet 2009         | Sat, May 23<br>Thu, May 28 | Fri, May 29- Sun, May 31 |
| <b>Triennial 2009</b>  | Mon, Jun 15<br>Sun, Jun 21 | Mon, Jun 22- Sun, Jun 28 |
| Operations Meet 2009   | Sat, Jul 25<br>Thu, Jul 30 | Fri, Jul 31- Sun, Aug 2  |
| September Meet 2009    | Sat, Sep 5<br>Thu, Sep 10  | Fri, Sep 11- Sun, Sep 13 |
| Fall Colors Meet 2009  | No Work Week               | Fri, Oct 2- Sun, Oct 4   |

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