



The Mountain GAZETTE

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How sweet indeed, to have such a great turnout for this year's Triennial!! I am so grateful to every one who came, enjoyed and made this Triennial just what Quentin had confidence that this huge gathering could be, members who took interest in the hobby, each other and the beautiful premises and opportunities of Train Mountain. There was a good sense of organization, help and very pleasant vibes from everyone I talked with. So, this is respectively due to, with great thanks, the Chairmen, Volunteers, Staff, and Participants!!

Quentin's ideas and thoughts often come to my mind and I felt like he was somehow as pleased as I was, at the enthusiastic turnout. I felt like his gentle presence was with us. In spite of the fact that there were no perfect people here, there was such a great absence of the little things

we don't like...litter, animal problems, irate trainmen/women, wild children ...or adults. (Now, it is OK if one is wildly happy, of course!!).

I am so glad this wasn't started as a business, because it is such a fun hobby. The only business here is just to pay the expenses of having the fun. Granted, I had been very involved in working with that business end of it, but the encouragement, comfort and gratitude from you folks, helped me to get out of that mind-set for a while and 'break the ice' by running a train again. Believe me, I enjoyed it and will 'practice' more often just for the great pleasure of it.

Yes, I miss Quentin deeply, but we went over the track and north country so many times, stopping & discussing what he wanted to see & how he saw it working the best, that I realize he really did 'train me' on how he thought. He often knew what he wanted, in some detail before he mentioned it but he took great time and concentration to build his ideas with the qualities of practicality, as well as 'out of the box' thinking, endurance and evermore with built-in safety. There was and will continue to be a high regard for people and their equipment.

As some of you know, I always loved the idea of trains, which was a good thing when watching all of them moving so slowly, back & forth, over the crossing leading into Colton, CA where I grew up! When I came to Train Mountain I fell in love with it! After a few years, I was invited to get to know Quentin better and the rest of the story you know.

Now, I wish to keep Train Mountain the best as well as biggest place for the hobbyists to come to. The 'best' had always been a bit vague when I heard that the 'Biggest & Best' was the goal of TM. The biggest it already was. That was clear! Neither Ross nor Quentin's answer quite gelled for me. However, I'm sensing that the best means not only good right of way & track, timely maintenance, carefully thought out planning, but a community where everyone can feel welcomed, appreciated and encouraged to come for enjoyment again and again. I hope you can join in with this goal.

Your enthused and encouraged president, Sharon
Sharon@TrainMountain.org



At the end of the movie “The Glenn Miller Story” there was comment made that if the bank played Glenn Miller’s music on the radio after he was gone, they knew the music would continue. Well folks, Quentin was not physically present at this Triennial, but the ‘band played on’ and he was very much a huge part of it. The atmosphere of sharing, the time spent by the volunteers, the great looks of the facility, and of course the great train rides, were all here. The trains were spectacular. Everyone that came brought their ‘A’ game stuff. Everyone had their equipment lookin’ good! Terrific models and examples of quality workmanship were everywhere. The vendors all seemed to be busy most days and lots of folks were taking advantage of having them at the Triennial and also taking advantage of some ‘Meet’ specials.

As is usual at the Triennials, we had some very informative seminars on all kinds of topics. These seminars were held during the midday hours and were located in the Hall of Flags. There were talks about boilers, operations, safety, construction and more. Thanks to the presenters for sharing their knowledge and their time.

Speaking of sharing their time and expertise, let’s all take a moment to thank the army of volunteers that devoted huge amounts of time to make the 2009 Triennial a success. Jerry Crane and his team of chairmen ran the event like clockwork and it was just terrific. Most meets we go to seem to be very hectic with unloading, running, and reloading to go home. The Triennial week-long work week and week-long running meet is very relaxing without the usual hustle and bustle. Everyone seemed to just keep smiling and running. Even the folks at the most hectic spot, the Registration tent, seemed to be able to keep up with hundreds of arrivals. There was a ton of work for them to do get everyone in to the event and have all the proper forms filled out, issuing name badges, parking passes, track assignments, etc. A lot of work handled very well by the volunteer staff. Also behind the scenes were all the volunteers that kept the place looking as good on the last day as it looked on the first day. Congratulations to all.



With four food vendors at this meet we seemed to be able to eat whenever we wanted and there was a large selection of goodies to pick from. The lines were sometimes a little long but they moved quickly and allowed the attendees to get back to having fun very quickly.



Sharon and the staff of Train Mountain were also very active and seemed to be everywhere at once. Whatever needed to be done, got done and got done without a lot of fanfare or excitement. Alma ran the office with efficiency and kept us all from losing it! The Company Store was always crowded and everywhere I looked folks were walking around with bags of goodies from the well-stocked store.

My parting shot about this year’s Triennial is just this, thank you, thank you, thank you to all the attendees, vendors, volunteers, committee chairmen, Jerry Crane, and to Sharon Breen for putting on one heck of a good show! Thank you! The ‘band played on’!

Next up is the 2009 Operations Meet. With all the new pieces of rolling stock seen at the Triennial, this year’s Ops Meet should be a great one. Make sure you come and enjoy this very different way to run Train

Mountain. If you don't have equipment don't worry, come anyway because every train needs extra crew to handle the switching chores. If you want to really learn the track and how Train Mountain is laid out, then this is the meet for you.

Linda and I are going on an extended road trip, so The Mountain Gazette will be in the very capable hands of Carol and Alma for the next couple of issues. I have really enjoyed the past eight years of being your club newsletter editor and if Train Mountain wishes, I will jump back into the mix upon our return. Thanks for the many kind comments I've received over the years.

Russ Wood, Editor

July 2009 From the Manager:



Well, it came and went and we survived! It was a great Triennial and Quentin would have been proud. The people were wonderful and the trains were spectacular. For you folks that couldn't make it, there are lots of pictures and videos floating around cyber land. I bet someone you know was here and you'll get to see their pictures too. Even still, there is nothing like being here for Triennial. For the whole story we hope to have the 2009 Video available by Christmas.

The statistics are impressive: 1,312 attendees, 310 locomotives and over 7,281 feet of rolling stock. But what was really impressive were the volunteers running and working the event. What a great bunch of people! I haven't heard anything but good things about all of you. Thank you so much!

A few things I noticed that really stood out were how far some of you traveled, the large number of electric powered locomotives, the constant camaraderie between clubs, groups, campers, vendors and great food and management (management meaning the staff and volunteer staff that ran the event). The people are what make the event and the memories. Thank you one and all!

I had vendors come to me and thank me and tell me it was great and they would be back. I was happy to see some repeat vendors like Don Orr, Barry Hauge, RMI and many others. But I was especially happy to see "Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading" involved again. It has been many years since they were out. Thank you to all the vendors for coming out and joining in.

I had people asking to do more and spend more of their precious time helping make Train Mountain even better. I had engineers telling me they couldn't believe it, they never imagined it could exceed their expectations. It truly is a must see event.

I was able to see old friends and make some new ones, even in the hectic pace, and I was able to see how important the hobby is to you and how important Train Mountain has become to all of us. This is some of what I see as Quentin's dream and we are all living it. It was sad to go through the Triennial without him and his guidance and appreciation. Many of the discussions turned to memories of Quentin and the plans for Train Mountain. It was a hard but convincing reminder that we must continue "The Dream".

When it was all over, the local volunteers and a group of our frequent and long term campers stayed behind and cleaned up and put everything away. These are the folks to whom I am most indebted. They showed what many hands can do and proved once again how great our volunteers are. A special thanks to you.

Some of you were involved in the "Rambles" north and south and got to visit and run trains at many clubs. A big "thank you" goes to Lindsay McDonnell and Mel Bresee. These guys took the task of setting up, arranging and implementing the schedule. I have never had the opportunity to go on a "Ramble" but it sure sounds like fun. Unfortunately, Lindsay had a mechanical breakdown and couldn't complete the trip but was here in spirit.

A special note about one of our participants - Russell Dunn, from "Down Under" in Bassehdean, Australia. I'm told he was to get an award given by Quentin for making the 2000 thru 2009 events and being the participant that came the farthest distance. I'm sorry that hasn't happened but you are recognized and appreciated for your loyalty to Train Mountain and the hobby. Thanks for being here and making it even more special.

Others traveled from far away, like the Swiss group of 21. I hear from Paul Garin that they were excited to tell the tale of Train Mountain as soon as they got home. I am sure we will see some of them again.

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Quentin L. Breen
Aug. 30, 1940 - Nov. 21, 2008
Train Mountain Railroad Museum
Founded 1987
First track laid in 1989
Guinness Book of World's Records
World's Longest Miniature Hobby Railroad
with 22.5 miles of track in 2002
and 32.5 miles of track in 2005

And, of course, Hubert Wetekamp from Werl, Germany made the trip again. It's always a pleasure to have Hubert visit. I hate to leave anyone out but space is limited. I do have to mention a fellow from Austria, "Gared" - I watched him a lot because of his excitement. I have seen this happen to many of you on your first trip. You get a ride and then another and soon a gracious member or guest puts you in the driver's seat and it is pure joy and amazement! You are all such great goodwill ambassadors for the hobby and for Train Mountain. Thank you for making it a special time for so many.

Then comes the sad time when you all have to go back home to your lives, but we appreciate your sharing your time with us.

I want to make this one last "thank you" for this edition and that is to all the chairpersons and folks that signed up for jobs, worked on paper-work and programs and generally carried the ball to a successful finish. What a great job you did. Through all the hard work and long hours, you made it happen. All the effort was awesome; thank you, thank you, thank you! Oh yah, "Chief Volunteer" or "SB" (you figure it out but I heard something like "Super Being"), Jerry Crane you did it again. Thank You so much! We will try some new things in a few areas, make some changes, plan for the future and look forward to the next big one and our 25th anniversary. What a Triennial that will be!

Coming soon is the Operations Meet; always a great event and also run by volunteers, so get back to work and let's get ready. We will be laying track also, the 2% Solution is ready for plastic and in a couple weeks the push to North Country will continue. I know you're ready to lay track, so let's get going.

I am about out of rambling room so we better move on, thank you for a great time.

Talk to you soon, Ross



Triennial Epilogue



Well the 2009 Triennial is now history and I think that most of you would agree with me when I say that it was a very successful event. I believe almost all those attending had a good time and we had very few accidents and problems.

I want to thank all of the many persons that volunteered their time to make the event possible. Without your effort the Triennial would not have happened. I want to especially thank the committee chairpersons and others that spent the entire two weeks of the event working so hard to make sure that others had a good time. These individuals gave up their opportunities to run their equipment on the track so that visitors from afar could enjoy our fine facility. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

After such an event as large as the Triennial, we need to look back for lessons learned that will help make the next Triennial better. The only complaint that was voiced directly to me was a justifiable one. It was that there were not enough train rides available. For some reason not as many rides were available on individuals' trains as there had been at previous Triennials and the volunteer provided scheduled rides could not meet the demand. One other lesson learned was that we need to show the safety video in a different place and to show it many more times. These are only two of the items on my list of lessons learned. If you would like to add to the list, email your comments to Train Mountain.

Thank you again to all that helped to make the Triennial possible.

Jerry Crane

Triennial Volunteers: These are the people that signed up to work on various committees or just pitched in and helped where help was needed (names listed in no particular order):

Barb Lanchester
Roger Gash
Carolyn Steuer
Louis Mooney III
Suzy Cogliati
Anthony VanDyke
Leonard Houpt
Mary Houpt
Bruno Platzer
Joyce Zimmerman
Pat Kaasa
Gordon Pisle
Tom Veltman
Joel Blenkinsop
Greg & Jason Petersen
Charlie Schubert
Ray Munson
Bill Shepherd
Mary Shepherd
Dick Gemeinhardt
Lorraine Watters
Twila Butler
Russell Dunn
Linda Wood
Pam Metts
Seth Abraham
Floyd Adams
Louise Balf
Rose Dobbs
Pat Kaasa
Jeanne Meisser
Denny Thompson
Sara Ackerman

Jim Rickman
Sabra Rickman
Eric Munson
James DeBroeck
Bruce Warner
Ken Palmer
Mary Harlow & Ginny
Allan Manson
Pat Goodland
Jack Anderson
Matt Hall
Lutz Braun
Rob Liesik
Doug Wilkenson
Gary Sharp
Ed Bailey
Bill Taylor
Rod Cogliati
Dan Bissonnette
Diane Barr
Matt Barr
Ann Meisner
Phil Mendelsohn
Florence Mews
Carol ?
Joe Simon
Gladys Adams
Bev Blenkinsop
Lisa Doramus
Carol LaBerge
Pam Schilling
Marie Weaver

Anne Sach
Tiffany Sach
Ellie Bruner-Welch
Bill Floyd
Mike Ackerman
Kristi Hall
Al Poklemba
Patt Poklemba
Timmy Metts
John Ellis
Shaula Massena
Kyle Bruner-Welch
Lowell Dietz
Michael Heath
Eric Walter
Dale Dennis
Valerie Dennis
Mel Bresee
Bob Cox
Sara McKay
Ed Bailey
Larry DaBroi
August Mendelsohn
Bev ?
Alex Acinca
Al Taylor
Joe Simon
Bill Dobbs
Joyce Kludt
Joe Mayer
Peg Schubert
Pat Wolf

WOW! What a list! Your willingness to help out is really impressive!

Tender Hal f July 2009

Wow...so that's a Triennial! People tried to tell me what it was like, but truly... you have to experience it. It was great and I'm truly looking forward to the next one in 2012. Of course that will also be our 25th (silver) anniversary, so I'll be looking for ways to incorporate silver into our store. Be sure to send me your ideas.



There were many very nice comments on the look of the store. I appreciate them all and want to make sure you understand that it's been a collaborative effort. While I might have the final touch, it's all of your shared ideas that have guided the growth we've made. Thank you.

One of the wonderful things about Train Mountain people is that they step in to help whenever and wherever needed. That was amazingly evident in the store during the Triennial. Everyone's names are included on the volunteer list, but I especially want to thank those I consider to be on my team. Many helped to do inventory, prepare the preordered shirts, and generally get the store ready. Others spent as

much time as I did making sure shifts were covered, shoppers were helped, shelves were full, ice was available, ice cream and bottled water were filled. Thank you to everyone that helped. You are awesome!!!!!!

Through the month of July all "Just Live'n Quentin's Dream" shirts will be 20% off. ... notice the spectacular ad...thank you Carol Lanctot. The sale price is available on-line as well. I did hear you guys say you want "pockets"... Okay, I get it! That will be what I order next.

There are still many new items, such as Train Mountain wine glasses, Whistle Stop cooking items, ceramic tiles and boxes, folding shovels, new jewelry etc. that are not on line yet. Keep watching for changes on line. I have some pretty big ideas. Remember it's where your purchase supports Train Mountain.

Mary Jane Zobel contacted me about her vinyl embellishments. Her company has a website: stuckon-words.com. Along with letters and words there are some train prints as well. You might want to take a look and see what you think. We may be having a Train Mountain embellishment party.

As promised Carol LaBerge has shared her secret recipe for keeping critters away from her plants. Here's the recipe: 1 egg, 1/2cup milk, 1 tablespoon cooking oil, 1 tablespoon dish detergent, & 1 gallon water. Beat egg and milk together, then add cooking oil and detergent. Add mixture to water and stir or shake well. Store in a covered 1 gallon container. Apply liquid to plants (except for food plants) using a spray bottle. Re-apply every 2 weeks or after heavy rains.

I also caught a moment of a television program giving natural remedies to pest problems and they suggested that black pepper would keep the bunnies out of the garden....I'll let you know how it goes. If nothing else I'm sure Ross will get a good laugh watching me out there peppering my little sprouts.

Thanks again to everyone.

TTFN, Kay

2009 Ops Meet is Just Around the Bend

With less than 3 weeks since the hugely successful Triennial and a little over 2 weeks until our Ops Meet, it is turning into a busy summer that's moving faster than a hi-balling passenger train racing between stations!

Most of this year's changes in the Ops Meet will be in the form of less radio traffic, better identification of passenger trains, a couple of through freights delivering their rolling stock to a secondary yard for local switching by another crew, and we'll have some switch lists for a crew at the Main Yard to assemble outgoing consists.

If you will be allowing us to use your rolling stock during the meet, we will need access to your cars no later than early afternoon on Thursday, July 30 to enable them to be spotted in time for Friday morning's official start of the meet. If you are on-property for the work week, we can use some volunteers to help with car sorting and set-out on Wednesday and Thursday.

Early birds will also be able to fill out the Motive Power and Crew Assignment form which will allow us to assign your Train Number and provide your first Switch List without having to wait in line after the Friday morning orientation meeting.

There will be Orientation Meetings at 8:30am in the Hall of Flags in Central Station on both Friday and Saturday mornings to get us started and to learn of any safety or track restrictions for the day. We are looking forward to seeing all you veterans of past Ops Meets and welcoming you first timers to a fun filled weekend of trains, fellowship, and lots of fun.

See you there!!

Jim & Julie Armstrong

Event	Work Week	Train Meet
Operations Meet 2009	Sat, Jul 25 Thu, Jul 30	Fri, Jul 31- Sun, Aug 2
September Meet 2009	Sat, Sep 5 Thu, Sep 10	Fri, Sep 11- Sun, Sep 13
Fall Colors Meet 2009	No Work Week	Fri, Oct 2- Sun, Oct 4



When the Cat's Away. . .



In this instance, the mouse is playing with the format of the *Gazette*. Russ has done an excellent job with the *Gazette* for many years, and his efforts are very much appreciated. But it's my turn to play for a couple of months—and one of the things that bugs me when I'm reading text online is having to scroll down a page and then back up to read the next column. So I'm trying a new layout—please let me know what you think (cpl@lanctot.us). Any suggestions will be welcome!

I've also thought it might be fun to have a guest editorial now and then. Jeanne Meisser has graciously submitted her thoughts which we'll publish next month when we have more room. Mort Ediger said this was the first Triennial for G-Ville and it was a Great One! Mort and Dennis will write more to put in the August *Gazette*. If you have something you'd like to share, please send it to me (cpl@lanctot.us); but remember, I have the right to edit!

Enjoy this issue and we'll send another to you in August!

Carol

Menu for the August OPS Meet banquet: Fiesta Chicken (spicy southwestern style) or New York Strip Steak, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Fruit, Corn on the Cob, French Bread and Cheesecake. Water will be provided; however, you are invited to bring a drink of your choice if you wish.

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DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat, July 25th	9:00 AM	Begin Work Week, which runs through Thursday, July 30 at 4:30 PM
Sat, July 25th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers who arrive early for Work Week. Location Central Station. Hosted by Sharon Breen.
Sun, July 26th	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides Beanery Open
Thu, July 30th	1:00 to 4:00 pm	Chiloquilters. Sewers / Crafters will meet in Central Station, show and tell, beginners welcome- SEE NOTES.
Thu, July 30th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Host Bert Newberry- SEE NOTES.
Fri, July 31st	9:00 AM	Operations Meet begins, which runs through Sunday. Company Store open Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Sat, Aug, 1st	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 1
Sun, Aug, 2nd	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides Beanery Open
Sun, Aug, 2nd	4:00 PM	The Operations Meet ends.

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.

Please Help Bert by signing up for his dinner if you wish to attend. He'll need to know how many are coming! Sign up in the Central Station Office as soon as you arrive.



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.



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