



The Mountain GAZETTE

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Good Summertime Greetings.

Julie Knight carried off another great Operations Meet experience. She did an excellent job of organizing it, keeping it rolling and safe. Having Jim Armstrong as her father has equipped her with a great deal of knowledge. And it was fun. No matter whether one was just observing all the drama or hurrying to get their load at the right place on time, or watching the game play out on the control board, it was good to be here & be a part of it.

As I mentioned at the banquet, we have very gratefully received donations that have taken care of a great deal of past TM taxes that went in arrears as Quentin became diagnosed with cancer. The Doctor will join in sending a letter so that hopefully penalties

will also be removed. A parcel of land that is next to Hwy 97 and S. Chiloquin Rd. that is not contiguous to TM will be put up for sale to take care of property taxes henceforth. That fund will continue to grow to add security to our holdings, at the very least.

We still do need donations toward the cost of moving the snowplow. It was Quentin's last great thrill to see it come here, so it is quite appropriate to make it a 'Memorial Donation'. What may be at stake is our reputation for payment, now that it is finally off UP track.

We have new Quickbooks know-how in the office due to some great volunteer time & expertise from Tammy McKinley. This will give us a better understanding of how we are doing. Remember that Quentin started this project as a HOBBY! So, little wonder why it wasn't as business-like as his other practices. And although the board will continue to put things in order, we do not want the feeling here to be anything but that of being a great playground. Thus, I hope to have put some concerns at ease. Hope to see you again soon! Let the play continue!!

With great Thanks for the donations and volunteer time, all very, very valuable,

Sharon

August 2009 From the Manager:



Here goes; I have to say it again – what a great meet! When the Operations Meet came to a close it was sad to see everyone leave but it was a great experience for sure. This year Julie Knight was in charge and Jim Armstrong was the assistant; Caitie Reiter joined this team and they orchestrated an event to remember. The highlight for me was getting to see the action as you received your train orders, formed crews and then determined how to find the cars and move them around the railroad. The location of the cars was shown on the map, the direction of travel was determined, the necessary switches were found and the

proper order was established for moving the freight. This impressed me, but even more enjoyable was seeing you find the flaws in your solutions and correcting them, then coming back with a big smile and an air of satisfaction that you did it. Congratulations to all those that tried it and were successful.

A few honorable mentions: AJ Fisher, Doug Wilkinson's grandson – what can I say, AJ showed us so many things about what a young man can do. He ran ballast, diagnosed signal problems, operated Central Station Yard and performed broken car recovery with skill. Thank you AJ. Then there is my buddy and chauffeur Derek Knight - by the time the meet was over he was a expert gator driver and could navigate Train Mountain with ease; thanks Derek. And finally my most improved engineer, Dawson Knight. I watched Dawson a lot

and with all you guys mentoring this engineer (especially Les Dent) he proved his worth and exhibited great skills; thank you Dawson. There are many more, but not enough space to mention them all.

Thanks to great volunteers, the event was top notch and everyone had fun. Organization was the key and even the organizers had time to run their trains and participate. Jim Armstrong is a pretty serious guy but even he was grinning when he got to go run the railroad and move some freight. Thank you one and all for a great event.

Things are happening around the mountain. As of today, track is on the ground about half way to Schubert Wye, the next major junction. If you have the time some more hands could help a lot on this project.

2% Solution was installed and in use prior to the Operations Meet and has proven once again that Quentin's track plan was right.

The guys have removed the old deck at the crew cars and recovered a lot of good redwood to be used on new decks and steps. If this sounds like a good project for you, let me know.

One of the major additions to Train Mountain has been the G Scale Railroad being created by Mort and Dennis Ediger - talk about a project taking on a life of its own!

What a great addition and what a lot of work. I know there are some of you itching to help them, so let them know and we will see what you can do. Mort and Dennis are hard workers and accept help with open arms. They have provided much of the railroad themselves from their railroad in Camas, Washington, but they need much more. Thanks in advance for your help and a big thank you to Mort and Dennis for choosing to share with us.

I am making progress on the fire safety and spark arrestor issue so we can get a proper standard in place. I haven't had much input from you and sure would like some. While keeping Train Mountain fire free is a high priority, we want to make sure all the knowledge we can get is available to make these choices. Send me an email.

I am revisiting some old issues like brakes. After seeing some problems moving loaded track panels out to the job it is time to solidify the type of braking needed to work on the railroad safely. Send me your thoughts.

Steve and Pam Panzik have been busy with many projects for the museum and could use some help I'm sure. If you think this is your area of expertise let them know you want to help.

Save the Rotary is of high concern right now; we need your help to pay the bill. Steve Tune, owner of Live Steam Supply www.livesteamsupply.com, has stepped up and donated a new flat car to be raffled to help the cause. Someone will get a good return for their raffle ticket and help pay the bill. Everyone needs a flat car!

With all your help supporting the store, Kay has turned it into a great business to help sustain Train Mountain (Hurray Kay!) Of course she has a lot of volunteer help and as always you guys and girls made it happen. With Kay's guidance we have turned an attempt at having a store into a great operation and a big part of what will help Train Mountain continue. Thank you all.

This month's "Good Guy Award" goes to Dennis Ward. Dennis is a family guy and steps into the leadership role so many times as projects come up. He is able to accomplish so much and I am convinced it is due to his family and leadership ability. The Ward Clan, The Armstrongs, Knights and Reiter families (to name a few) are fine examples of the future of the hobby and Dennis and his family are fine examples of what makes Train Mountain work. Thank you all.

Let's talk paperwork. While we all hate it, it is necessary and you can help us by registering early for meets and getting your forms in the mail so we are better prepared. These forms not only let us know what to do for your arrival but create a historical record that proves what we do. We know sometimes you can't plan a visit till the last minute, but those of you that can plan ahead can really help us.

For the most part, the membership is working hard to make sure we are as safe as possible and you are policing each other. Thank you so much. There are, however, still a few that want to test the system! Those are the ones that will cause further enforcement of our rules but also cause the creation of new rules. I don't like more rules! I think common sense should rule, but because of some we will be forced to take action. For example, the conductor rule is pretty simple. Special track warrants can solve some of the work train issues for conductors and groups of trains, but the folks that push the rule and have excessive equipment which can-



Frank Bartholemew dumps ballast for Jim Rickman, Larry DaBroi, Dennis Ward and Doug Wilkinson to spread. A.J. waits with another load of ballast.

not be removed safely from the track by hand will have to pass that test when asked. Enough said.
See you at the September Meet.

Talk to you soon,

Ross

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What a Great Week at the Fifth Annual Train Mountain Operations Meet



I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who donated, worked, volunteered, provided volunteer meals and participated in this year's Ops Meet. Without you, there would be no Ops Meet and without Train Mountain and its staff of hard workers, there would be no place to hold this meet!! We have a wonderful place to play and even more wonderful people to play Ops with! I couldn't have put on this meet without 2 very key people – my dad, Jim Armstrong, and my Train Mountain “sister”, Caitie Reiter – a **BIG THANK YOU** to you both. **It appeared by the smiles** and comments throughout the weekend that fun and good times were enjoyed by the many members and

guests that were able to attend. We ran 9 passenger trains – one even had 2 additional sections; 8 excursion trains; our perennial Log Train which made an impressive 5 round trips to the log pile; and 14 way freighters which made more than 175 car movements on Friday and Saturday. All 118 cars used for the meet had been wrangled and brought back to the Main Yard by 10 a.m. on Sunday – a new record.

This year we had a little competition for number of cars switched. Darrell Gomes and his crew took the “prize” with 33 cars switched. The Log Train, with Les Dent and his crew, received special recognition with over 50 car movements. They had 6 round trips of loading and unloading logs, plus 5 hours of dispatch time and some way freight cars moved. Two of our hard-working dispatchers, Bill Dwyer and Dick Stark, who started us off each day, received rubber duckies to relax with after their hard work. Bill & Joyce Kludt, who helped so much before and after the meet with the wrangling and sorting of cars, earned themselves a rubber ducky as well. Thank you, Kay, for providing the prizes for our hardworking Ops participants.

We were able to incorporate several suggestions and ideas from last year into this meet. If you have ideas or comments, please send them to me, I am “available” at Julie@crto.net.

Again, thanks to all of you who worked so hard throughout the week and weekend to get everything ready for the actual meet. The following is a list of those who allowed their rolling stock to be used, made new stop blocks, sorted, spotted, and wrangled cars, prepared the materials, handouts, and Operations Guide, dispatched, and worked at the various administrative jobs that allowed the meet to flow so smoothly:

Sharon Breen; Ross and Kay Perrin; Alma and Carol; Joel Slagg; Russ Wood; Steve and Pam Panzik; Boyd Butler; Jim Miller; Dennis Ward; Bill and Joyce Kludt; Art, Ken, Jane, and Caitie Reiter; Kirk, Nancy, Harrison, and Cameron Devine; John and Cynthia Lovely; Ken and Pat Stanfield; Dawson and Derek Knight; Leonard and Mary Houpt with the help of Mathew and Andrew; Gwen Armstrong; Doug Wilkinson; A.J. Fisher; George Hoke; Bill Dwyer; Dick Stark; Jim Rickman; Conrad Watne; Paul Skidmore; Darrel and Gail Gomes and Nathaniel Hawkins; Tom, Heidi and Rebecca Veltman; Larry DaBroi; Burt Newberry; Les Dent; Lee Breuer; Guy Coram; Judith Williamson; and all the Train Mountain Staff and Management.



Preparing for the K&W run during the Ops Meet
Photo by Dennis Ward

Julie Knight

Train Mountain Thoughts

Don't miss the "Little Things".

Usually those who visit Train Mountain at various times of the year come for their "train fixes" seeing, hearing and operating engines, trains and speeders etc. But I wonder if you have ever experienced, as I have, any of the following while being here - - -

Being greeted by Socks, the resident Motor Pool cat or Blackie, the Back Shop cat,

Taken a long look at the Iris in bloom in late May or early June in the flower bed by the south side of the Blue Caboose,

Felt the lure and pull of the Store in Central Station,

Listened to the wonderful sound of riding over one of Art Crisp's crossings while out on the track,

Smelled the combination of fresh cut wood and newly painted projects in the Wood Shop,

Heard the chatter and laughter of people gathering in the Central Station kitchen,

Talked to "Ruby" the Australian Sheep dog that frequently visits TM riding in the cab of the sewer man's truck,

Watched for the lighted buildings in Pineville and Daffodil Hill while riding after dark,

Listened on a windy day to the sound of the wind in the tall pines,

Observed the chipmunk who seems to hang around to greet us as we pass the fire extinguisher at Elizabeth River, and sits on his perch atop the sign watching us pass by,

Felt the enthusiasm of a first time visitor as you explain "what we are", show them around and give them a ride,

Experienced an intense spring rain and wind storm while camping, and listen to the rain turn to hail,

Watched a goldfinch take a drink of water hanging upside down on a water spigot,

And last but not least, witnessed a flaming red sunset over Central Station while returning from an evening ride just before nightfall.

Indeed there is a lot to watch for and enjoy here.



Jeanne Meisser

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The pictures below & at the top of page 7 were taken at the Triennial by Steve Crise Photography. Steve generously donated a CD of photos to Train Mountain. Steve can be contacted at scrise@aol.com, 310/963-9265 or www.scrise.com



Woody Lewis' back as he and Warren Peterson exit the tunnel.



Wesley, Kelsey and Warren Peterson

Tender Half August 2009



Hi Everyone!!! We had a great time with the Ops Meet group. Please notice the mystery models in this month's ad. There are also some new mystery models on the website. Take a look and see what's new. The 20% off sale on the "Just Live'n Quentin's Dream" shirts has been extended until August 31st.

I've added a new category for our custom tiles and wooden boxes. These are great gifts. There are 3 wooden boxes to choose from; cherry, maple and mahogany. The lids are made to receive any of the 6x6" tiles. Currently there are about 20 different tiles to choose from, but I'm making another order this week and plan to go on a Chessie



binge. The gentleman who makes these is absolutely wonderful to work with. He has helped me with 3 personal requests already. He will make tin signs and mouse pads to order as well. Just give me a call, if you need help.

It has come to my attention that many of the ladies are not getting the ads or newsletter, because this Gazette is going to the man of the house. Eventually we will have an email list just for the store, but until then...

Guys please share with your wives. You could be the recipient of a great gift. Or, gals if you have an email address of your own, let us know (info@trainmountain.org or cpl@lanctot.us) and we'll add it to the Gazette list.



We have a great opportunity offered by Steve Tune to support the Rotary move. He has generously donated a flat car to be raffled off and all of the proceeds are to go to the Rotary Fund. The car comes with wood deck and is constructed of 16 gauge steel, all welded, has 1x2" .120 wall frame, detailed with stirrups and grab irons and stake pockets, car is 5 feet long x 15 inches wide, will be painted in red oxide color. Less trucks and coupler, less abrams tanks, list price on car is \$550.00

Steve plans to have the car available at the September meet. Raffle tickets will be \$10.00 each.. You do not have to be present to win. If you would like to participate by mail, please fill out the Rotary Raffle form on the back of this month's ad, include a check payable to and mail to:

**Chris Arsenault Structural Movers
Rotary Raffle
c/o Train Mountain Railroad Museum
36941 South Chiloquin Rd.
Chiloquin, OR 97624 each**

Drawing will be at the September banquet. Winner will pick up their prize at Train Mountain. Any shipping will be the sole responsibility of the proud new owner.

TTFN, Kay

Rotary Raffle

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Raffle Tickets _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Your information will be put on a ticket & placed in the jar along with a "Good Luck" wish.

BELATED TRIENNIAL MUSINGS FROM MIDWAY

"Midway Garden Railway" or G-Ville sailed through it's first triennial with flying colors. Dennis and I (worked diligently to finish a large figure 8 of track so we could have trains running during the Triennial. WE MADE IT! Whew! This created a lot of interest and we were thrilled with the many visitors to G-Ville.

The mini railroad was greatly enhanced by the efforts of Phil Nelson and Gordy Pisel. They took on the daunting task of making a rock wall and slide area along side the track. Phil actually broke rock with a sledge hammer to get the size rock he wanted. They both dug trench, hauled ballast, sifted gravel, laid rock and washed rock until the job was completed. What an awesome job. We can't thank them enough for all the hard work.



Photo by Bill Kludt

We had a second team of helpers. Seth Abrahamsen and Ann Meisner. Seth brought two live steam engines and piqued a lot of interest with them.

After he played for awhile Seth and Ann went to work digging trenches, hauling and laying base rock and building forms for bridge uprights. They worked for hours in the hot weather and, again, we can't express enough gratitude for the fine job they did.

Much to our surprise and joy we had a third team of helpers. This team consisted of Emily, Duncan, Monica, & Andrew Hoke and Harrison, Cameron, & Nancy Devine. We were amazed at this bunch. They also dug trenches, hauled base rock, sifted gravel and....laid track. A couple of the boys wanted to lay track so Dennis showed them once how



Photo by Bill Kludt

to put on ties, trim track ends, put on clamps and run the rail bender to get it all to fit as it should. Their boundless energy didn't seem to run out. They laid over 100 feet of track and only quit when they had to pack up and head home. Thank you all so much.

G-Ville's first Triennial was a smashing success thanks to all the help and interest.

Mort & Dennis Ediger

And the Mouse Plays On



Here we are, into another month already! The Operations Meet is over, and while I was not able to participate (I had kids and grandkids visiting), we did attend the banquet and it was apparent that everyone had a great time, and that Julie and Jim had done a superb job. In fact, she got a unanimous vote to do it again next year!

I want to thank all of you for your comments on the new format of the newsletter. Any other suggestions? We'd love to hear them. Also, if you have comments, thoughts, or a subject you'd like to discuss, send it to me and we'll publish in the Gazette – we do request you fol-

low standard rules of etiquette, and we do reserve the right to edit.

I also want to thank everyone that so generously provides copies of photos they've taken at the events; this month, we have photos from Leonard Houpt, Bill Kludt and Dennis Ward. Thank you! I'm working on getting pictures up on the Train Mountain website as I have time, something we haven't done for quite awhile.

See you in September!

Carol



Menu for the September Meet banquet: *Petite Sirloin Steak or Country Pork Ribs, Ranch Style Beans, Fresh Fruit, Marinated Tomato & Cucumber salad, Cornbread with Honey Butter and Peach Crisp and Brownie with Cream Cheese and Strawberries.* Water and Lemonade will be provided, but you are welcome to bring a beverage of your choice if you wish.

NOTE: Banquet reservations and your meat selection are due in by August 28.

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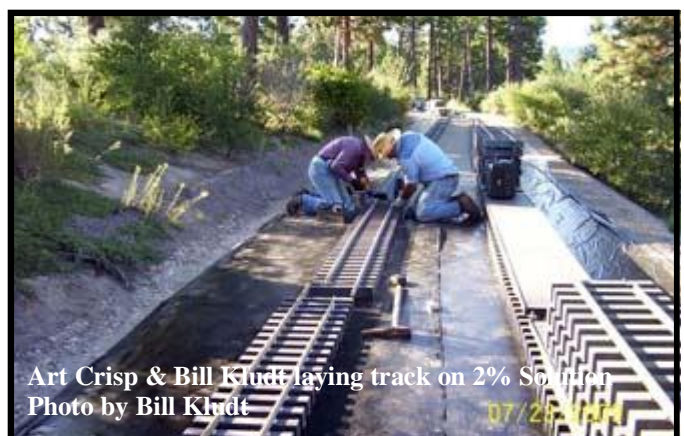
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DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat, Sept 5th	9:00 AM	Begin Work Week, which runs through Thursday, Sept 10th at 4:30 PM
Sat, Sept 5th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers who arrive early for Work Week. Location Central Station. Hosted by Sharon Breen.
Sun, Sept 6th	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides Beanery Open. Final day for season.
Mon, Sept 7th	6:0p PM	Spaghetti Dinner for all volunteers hosted by Mort & Dennis Ediger- SEE NOTES
Thu, Sept 10th	1:00 to 4:00 pm	Chiloquilters. Sewers / Crafters will meet in Central Station, show and tell, beginners welcome- SEE NOTES.
Thu, Sept 10th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Host Bert Newberry- SEE NOTES.
Fri, Sept 11th	9:00 AM	September Meet begins, which runs through Sunday. Company Store open Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Sat, Sept 12th	6:00 PM	Train Mountain Banquet, held at Central Station, tickets available online at www.TrainMountain.org or 541-783-3030. See menu above.
Sun, Sept 13th	4:00 PM	The September Meet ends.

Event	Work Week	Train Meet
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

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. **Mort & Dennis Ediger** will be hosting a spaghetti dinner at **6:00 p.m. Monday** in the Hall of Flags. **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 check at the office to confirm volunteer dinners, and be sure to sign up for any dinners you wish to attend. They'll need to know how many are coming! Sign up in the Central Station Office as soon as you arrive.



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