



The Mountain GAZETTE

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FROM THE EDITOR



Man whatta' a party! The Halloween party was just a lot of fun. Good music, good friends, and of course good food! If you ever get a chance to come to one of Train Mountain's extracurricular events please do so. They are always a ball! Next up is the Christmas party on the 21st of December. There is a gotcha for this party though, you must be a participant in the fundraising event listed in the next paragraph. I really hope you can make both the event and the party!

Train Mountain is setting sail in a new direction with a very special event. Train Mountain will be having a holiday fundraising extravaganza that will be open to the public! Yep, that's right, open to the public. The event will be called the Train Mountain Railroad Holiday Express. It will be held over two weekends in December, 11th through 13th and the 18th through 20th. There are many folks heading various committees to spearhead this major fundraising opportunity BUT we need your help! We need indoor and outdoor decorations, we need more volunteers, we need more . . . donations of stuff are always a good thing! Check Kay's column this month for more details. You can also contact the main office at 541-783-3030 or by email, info@trainmountain.org, to get the latest wants and needs.

The latest track news is that there is now track all the way to Hope with the Hope Wye and a small yard installed. The weather is getting spotty so this may end the track work for this year. If possible some additional dirt work may continue to get a jump start on next year's build. I have had the opportunity to take a train or two out to the end of track in the northlands and my goodness what a terrific ride. In a message John Black states 'Many people helped make this happen'. Congratulations to all for a job well done. More track, more fun!

Its renewal time folks, and one of the best Christmas gifts you can give Train Mountain is to get your dues paid early. Dues are a large part of the cash flow that Train Mountain needs to continue. Please send your renewals in as soon as possible. In addition, we can always use more members, so do your best to recruit new members from your fellow hobbyists and local club members.

Normally my next comment would be in the form of a letter to the editor, but since I am the editor I'll just state it here. For those of you that subscribe to the conspiracy theory line of thinking you'll love this. Seems there is this growing belief that the Backshop gathering that has affectionately been called 'O Beer Thirty' is where all those malicious rumors and evil plots BEGIN and get SPREAD. I find this absolutely hilarious. With the exception of during train meets there usually are only three or four of us there and we usually tell the same old stories over and over again. Sometimes these stories are even train related and on occasion they may even be about trains at Train Mountain. Those in attendance have a lot of experience in many areas so sometimes we may even express some interest in the way some things are being built, maintained, designed, or whatever. If that constitutes a conspiracy then, my friends, we are guilty as charged. I really wish



Sabra Rickman outstanding
In her field

that we could get back to the old school way of thinking that you are innocent until proven guilty and that you have a right to be confronted by your accuser. I love Train Mountain and I would never do anything that would harm or degrade its magic or its reputation. If you happen to be at Train Mountain around 4:30 and you hear the horn blow, please stop by and add your two cents worth to the conversations, they can get very interesting sometimes!

Russ Wood

Editor, The Mountain Gazette

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FROM THE MANAGER



Where does the time go! Halloween was here and gone and we are pressing forward with the Christmas program. It seems like the Triennial was just over!

Again if you were not here for the Halloween Party, you missed a good one. Lots of scary folks and many of them even had costumes! Kay and I followed a tequila theme after our experiences in Mexico and then there was our own Sherlock Holmes (Bob Hayes) and a group of local hippies, but the hit I think was our own pizza and beer folks (Russ and Linda Wood) dressed in a beer can and a slice of pizza-ya you had to see it. (See photo in "From the Editor".) Thanks to all those that attended, especially Dale and Veronica Taylor and their party spirit and DJ/Karaoke System. Veronica and Dale have been making this event a real party for many years and I



appreciate them very much. And then there is my wife, who put this wonderful party together, and all of you that helped decorate and clean up. Thank you very much! I'm already looking forward to next year's party.

The Christmas program I mentioned is something new for us and we are doing it as a fund raiser to support our efforts here at Train Mountain. We need lots of help and any donations of Christmas stuff you can send us. We will have a lot going on with Santa, steam train ride to see Santa, Garden Railroad display, HO display, concessions, open store, 7.5 gauge displays and a lot more including Elves. Kay will go into more detail and we will keep you posted as things develop. Thank you in advance for your help.

Have you seen the new Store Website? It is up and running and looking good, it's much easier to use and it will keep on growing. Kay has been able to turn the store into a valuable asset for Train Mountain and with your support and her efforts we will have the best little train store around.

Kay and I had a new experience when we went to a local train show put on by Klamath Rails Train Club with products from the store and we learned many things. Russ Wood, Lee Breuer and Dennis Ward got us set up with 2 tables and helped out a lot. John Wheelock stayed with us, working for 2 days and Al Taylor and Alma Weber spelled us for lunch. Thank you all for helping. We made some money but I personally spent a lot as did Kay. We like HO stuff so I bought some stuff and she bought me birthday presents there and then she got the bug and started collecting Billboard Cars! Yeah, you know how those shows go! It was a good time and we may do it again.

I am concentrating on many projects to get Train Mountain on the straight and narrow and create solutions to all of our problems. I have recently had a meeting with the Klamath Tribe Economic Development Board and can see some combined projects in our future. Jim Lane has offered his help on our bid for 501(c)3 status and I welcome his help. Jim isn't the only one of you that has offered and I thank you all for that, but he is the one that just finished a successful bid for 501(c)3 status for a group in Las Vegas. Sharon has allowed me to listen and speak with the IRS agent that is handling Quentin's estate tax issues and I am happy to say he eased my mind a lot by answering my questions, which gave me a very positive outlook. We will overcome the problems I'm sure. Sharon has taken on the task of dealing with all this and it is her guidance that will get us on down the road. She is doing great and with your support I'm sure she will continue.

My time is now committed just to Train Mountain; I have been relieved of my responsibilities with FTM by John Black. This creates many uncertainties as to the cohesive operations between the organizations but it does create some opportunities as well. Mostly I now have time to go through the contracts with FTM and the many easements involved with the property and work on standards and policies such as spark arrestors and brake systems. Train Mountain has been and will continue to be the test bed for many of the things we do in railroading and I look forward to improving our safety and fun. While some things will be very difficult to deal with in this reorganization, many of you have already shown your support in many ways and we will step closer to the dream once again.

At some of our banquets I have spoken of the family of Train Mountain and touched a little on what that means to me. It is one of the few times you see me get emotional as I look around the room and see the faces that have made Train Mountain what it is today and the dedication and drive you put out there. This has become my family too and when we are family we support the common goal and that is where you shine. Thank you one and all, past and present and for our future.

Talk to you soon

Ross Perrin, General Manager



Gil Dominguez & Dale Taylor

THE TENDER HALF



Wow!!! We've been busy. The Halloween party was great. Dale and Veronica Taylor did a super job of entertaining us with their music and dance lessons. We are all now well versed in the electric slide and the hokey pokey. There were some fabulous costumes, but I think Russ and Linda Wood outdid themselves coming as pizza and beer. Next year Halloween is on a weekend again, so I hope even more of you can plan to join us.

Even before all of the Halloween decorations were put away tables were being moved and visions of the Train Mountain RR Holiday Express were starting to be put into place. This is going to be a huge undertaking, but we have grand hopes that it will be a significant fundraiser for Train Mountain and something that will become an annual event.

The Train Mountain RR Holiday Express is scheduled from December 11-20. Families will board the train in 6 acres campground and ride to Central Station. Inside the Hall of Flags they will see a winter wonderland with a huge tree in the center of the room surrounded by a G-scale holiday display. Santa will have a corner where children may sit on his lap and have their picture taken. The store will be open and Barb and Dana Ward will be selling food out of the kitchen. Chris and Michelle Kuehl have added an area where waiting children can draw, write letters to Santa, watch movies and read books.

I've heard from many of you that you would like to help, but are simply too far away. We understand. I remember receiving a list of needs from someone moving into a new place one time and thinking it was rude. I don't want to sound that way, so I hope none of you will be offended by our list. It is simply a matter of necessity. As you know Train Mountain is functioning on a shoestring budget, but we are functioning and moving forward. The more support and donations we receive the more profit at the end to put toward maintaining and improving Train Mountain.

Most of the structures and decorations will be saved and reused in the future. Here's what we need:

Santa photo booth, admission booth, wooden sleigh, mail box on stand to receive letters to Santa, boarding platform. Russ Wood and Seth Abraham have been busy building with what we have and putting their own money into supplies. Donations of wood, paint and/or other building supplies would be helpful. If it is easier for you, I'm sure they would appreciate funding.

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G scale display. Dennis and Mort Ediger are heading up the G scale display. They have requested that if you have villages & scenery that could be donated or loaned to us, it would be appreciated. They are not going to be concerned with the scale of the display. Sharon, Toni Brooks' and my Christmas village will be on display at Train Mountain this year....but we have a lot of area to cover .

Tree and Room Decorations: The big tree is probably going to be decorated in just lights, lights, lights. I know that our attic has an excess of lights and garlands as well that will be donated to the cause. Please send us all of yours as well. We would like to have all donated items by the 1st of December, so we know where to go from there.

Outdoor decorations: Of course we want our visitors to be overwhelmed with Holiday spirit. We're going to move all the metal figures to 6 acres campground and decorate them. The Brook's and the Perrin's have outdoor Christmas Trains to display. The Ediger's are donating a blow up Christmas Arch. If you have something you would like to share, we will love it.

Work parties: I know of some who are planning to arrive at Train Mountain the first week of December to help set up. If you are willing to lodge people in your home. please let Alma know. If you need help finding a place to stay ...Alma again. We need lots of elves. Let us know if you would like to be informed of work parties.

Consumables. There are also a number of things we need that will not be able to be saved. Perhaps some of you or your club would like to be recognized as supporting our event by taking care of some of these purchases. 1000 Candy Canes, Hot Chocolate for 1000 people, red and green paper cups for 1000, red and green napkins, 4x6 photo paper, printer ink for pictures or paper frames for Santa pictures.



Ross & Kay—Memories of Mexico

Questions regarding these needs may be sent to store@trainmountain.org.

Ross is in our attic as I write....breaking in the Santa boots as well I might add. Personally I think we're just going straight to Christmas this year. Train Mountain members have always impressed me and I have no doubts that you will wow me again with your rallying of support for this event. Please send us you care package ASAP. If you prefer to donate money, please specify what you would like it to go towards otherwise we will use it where needed.

Be sure to check out the ad page for information on the new website:
www.trainmountainstore.com

TTFN

Kay Perrin

BITS & PIECES

It appears that the Halloween party was a huge success again this year—and I know this is an echo of what you've already read, but the pictures included in this issue should be ample evidence that what they're saying is true. Thank you to Peg Schu-bert for providing me with the Halloween party photos!

And now a Happy Birthday to our November birthdays: John Wheelock, Al Taylor and Russ Wood. If you have someone whose birthday you'd like mentioned in the Gazette, just send me an email at cpl@lanctot.us and I'll do my best to get it in at the appropriate time!



Jerry looks far too serious for a party!

Despite all of the talk about Halloween and the upcoming Holiday Express fundraiser, we have not forgotten that the day that is set aside for all of us in the U.S. to give thanks for all that we have that is good in our lives and for the strength to deal with those things that are not so good is coming up very quickly. We want to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Carol



Al & Alma trip the light fantastic

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Kydara, Sharmoni & Sharon—What big eyes you have!

HOLIDAY EXPRESS

Is Heading this Way!!



Tree decorated with a rail-road theme with decorated packages around it will be auctioned off the evening of December 18.



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- *New Items
- *It's much easier to use

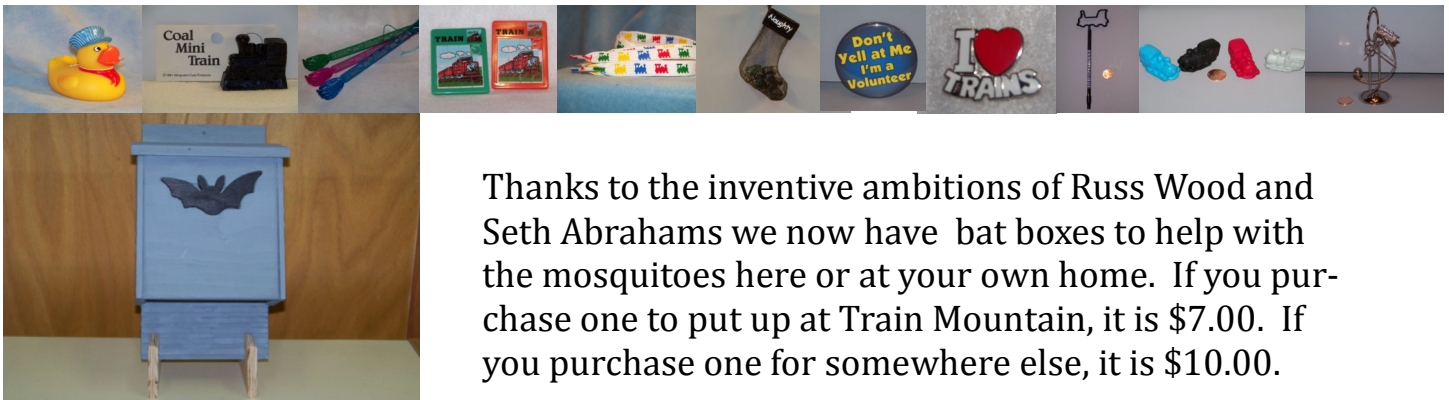
Free Shipping on \$50+ purchase
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Just in time
For the Holidays!



DON'T FORGET TO GET STOCKING STUFFERS !!!



Thanks to the inventive ambitions of Russ Wood and Seth Abrahams we now have bat boxes to help with the mosquitoes here or at your own home. If you purchase one to put up at Train Mountain, it is \$7.00. If you purchase one for somewhere else, it is \$10.00.

2010 WORK WEEK AND TRAIN MEET SCHEDULE

Polar Bear Train Meet

Friday, January 15—Sunday, January 17, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

****NARROW GAUGE WORK WEEK****

Monday May 10—Thursday, May 13, 2010

Narrow Gauge Train Meet

Friday, May 14—Sunday, May 16, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

June Work Week

Saturday, May 29—Thursday, June 3, 2010

June Train Meet

Friday, June 4—Sunday, June 6, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

Operations Meet Work Week (formerly July Meet)

Saturday, June 26—Thursday, July 1, 2010

Operations Meet

Friday, July 2—Sunday July 4, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

August Meet Work Week

Saturday, August 7—Thursday, August 12, 2010

August Meet

Friday, August 13—Sunday, August 15, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

September Work Week

Saturday, Sept. 4—Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010

September Train Meet

Friday, Sept 10—Sunday, Sept 12, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

Fall Colors Train Meet

Friday, October 8—Sunday, October 10, 2010
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)