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Fellow Hobbyists and Train Mountain members,

I am happy to report that TM has had another good year of activities, maintenance and fellowship, even in difficult times.

It isn't surprising to me that folks wonder what I'm doing at TM. Quentin didn't burden members with financials and politics and I haven't wanted to either. You are here for fun...with reasonable, congenial, responsible behavior that lets it be fun for others as well.

Perhaps some folks have not been impacted by the economy changes of the last decade. Quentin was, his investments were, TM's massive donations from him were and his own personal income was as well. There was a loss of Quentin's income, his health, his life. Then the IRS demands were made known to us, the board, through liens against TM.

TM hired an accountant in February of 2010. An extensive review of expenses began and is continuing. TM had to lay off three full time employees. Even though we have begun to slow the extreme outflow of money in operational expenses, the heavy cost of attorney fees necessitated by the lawsuit against TM, have made things even more difficult.

There have been questions asked about the scrap metal salvaging going on at TM pursuant to the board's decision to do so. We have chosen to perform this task that has been on the 'to do' list for over a decade now; as the prices are good, the debris was unsightly and dangerous and it was encroaching on neighboring property. The money received from the TM scrap has been deposited into the TM bank accounts in full and has been & will be used to pay bills of TM.

All operational costs have been paid in full for the first time in decades. The Snow Plow movement remains unpaid in full, but advances on that are continuing slowly. Thank you for all donations to that specific fund as well as generous donations in: time, labor, money, supplies and morale of you the hobbyists, toward the 'Biggest and Best' little railroad, Train Mountain.

It has been truly amazing to see so many talents come forward as you take on tasks at TM. Wonderful to see those smiles of accomplishment coming from volunteers who are doing great!

These are a few things that need to be clarified:

1. Life members have no yearly membership fees for their household. However, Registration and fees for events, rooms, and banquets are to be made. Many of these members have been doing so all ready.

2. During the Holiday Express, guest room rates will be regular rates except for those who have been here helping. They have a rate of \$10/ night and bunk room is \$5/night for each night of occupancy.

3. Pets are not to be brought to the Central Station or Back Shop area during any event even if on leashes. They are to remain in cars (road or rail), until they are removed at the designated sidings.

4. No wood is to be removed from TM property without a permit signed by the president.



Plans for the 2012 Triennial are going forward, as well as the Holiday Express and a Halloween event at Klamath & Western this next weekend. Member help at any time is most welcome. Please see the Klamath & Western website: <u>www.hobby-tronics.com/KNW/</u> and the Triennial website at: <u>www.trainmountaintriennial.com</u> for further information. Please note if you send in your payment for the Triennial before October 31st, you will have the biggest discount.

The November Gazette will be a Thanksgiving edition. It will list Donations and Volunteers for the 2011 year. Any information you may send to remind or inform us will be greatly appreciated.

Ed and Michael Ackerman September Meet-2011



Sadly, our member, Michael Ackerman passed away this month. Our thoughts are with his dear parents, Sara & Ed. He will be remembered and missed.

Thank you, Sharon Breen– President

#### 2012: Triennial– Van Shuttle Drivers

Anyone who wishes to drive a van during the Triennial, please send by fax or email, a copy of your current driver's license to Train Mountain. If your license will become expired before the Triennial, please make sure we are updated!

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Thank you!



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## 2012 WORK WEEK AND TRAIN MEET SCHEDULE

#### **Polar Bear Train Meet**

Friday, January 13—Sunday, January 15, 2012 (Banquet is Potluck 6:00pm Saturday Evening)

Narrow Gauge Work Week Saturday, May 12 — Thursday, May 17, 2012

#### Narrow Gauge Train Meet

Friday, May 18 —Sunday, May 20, 2012 (Banquet is 6:00pm Saturday Evening)

**2012 Train Mountain Triennial Work Week** Monday, June 16—Sunday, June 24, 2012

**2012 Train Mountain Triennial** Monday, June 25 — Sunday, July 1, 2012 (No Banquet during Triennial)

**Operations Set Up & Work Week** Saturday, August 4—Thursday, August 9, 2012

#### **Operations Meet** Friday, August 10—Sunday, August 12, 2012 (Banguet is 6:00pm Saturday Evening)

September Work Week Saturday, September 1 — Thursday, Sept 6, 2012

September Train Meet Friday, Sept 7—Sunday, Sept 9, 2012 (Banquet is 6:00pm Saturday Evening)

#### Fall Colors Train Meet

Friday, October 5—Sunday, October 7, 2012 (Banquet is Potluck 6:00pm Saturday Evening)

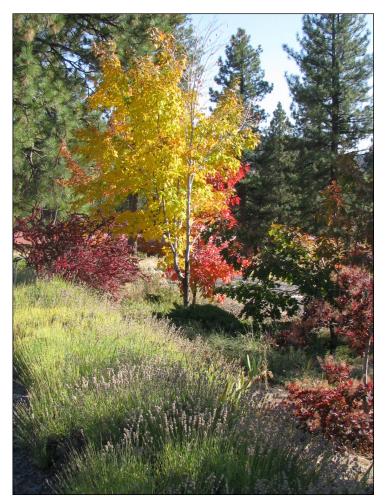




### **ATTENTION:**

We will have new and improved websites, coming soon! Please feel free to call, email or fax us if you wish to purchase items from the store! See contact info on pg. 2

> Winter Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00am to 2:00pm





# **Train Mountain Fall Colors!**





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