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Hello everyone,

As you probably know by now, we're going to have another Triennial in 2025! Thanks again to everyone who participated in the survey; your opinions really made a difference. We have a motivated and talented Triennial Committee up and running and will be hearing from them regularly over the coming months. We *strongly* encourage all of you to stand up and volunteer when the opportunities come up—the Triennial doesn't happen unless lots of people pitch in.

The next Ops Meet is coming up a lot sooner than that; our sturdy Train Master has an article on it. If you're planning to attend, likewise, please consider volunteering for the work week or the planning.

Also in this issue: Joyce holds forth, Dale has some good news about tracks and cameras, we have some photos from some member tracks that celebrated Halloween, and we have a pictorial spread on ALCO RS3s owned by TM and TM members.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2024, now is a good time and online is a good way!

Happy Thanksgiving,

Lucinda Gilman and Xander Geraghty

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2024 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule

	Polar Bear	Spring Awakening	Narrow Gauge	Ops Meet	Summer Meet	Big Build	Fall Colors
Work week		4/27-5/2	5/25-5/30	6/22-6/26	7/27-8/1	8/31-9/5	
Meet	1/13-1/15	5/3-5/5	5/31-6/2	6/27-6/30	8/2-8/4	9/6-9/8	10/4-10/7

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The Triennial is approved!

Cheryl McInnes

Train Mountain will be opening our doors in June 2025 and hosting the Triennial as a marquee event to promote and grow the model railroading hobby!



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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We will be setting up for the Triennial Saturday June 14th through Wednesday June 18th. We expect many attendees to arrive Thursday June 19th and Friday June 20th as we transition from setup to hosting the event. The Triennial will officially begin Saturday June 21st and run through Sunday June 29th.

Hosting for the Hobby ... and the future of Train Mountain

We learned the Triennial means something different to everyone. Some members see the event as an opportunity to see new trains riding our rails, connect with others in the hobby, or maybe as a marketplace to buy or sell equipment. Other members' first thought of the Triennial is the traffic and congestion around Central Station. (We've all experienced it, and the Committee is discussing ideas on how we can improve this for the next Triennial.) Riding the rails at Train Mountain is on many people's bucket list, and the Triennial is when they're able to cross it off! We as the Committee see the Triennial as integral to living Quentin's dream.

Train Mountain continues due to our members, volunteers, and visitors, and the Triennial is an important source for all of these. Our membership increases in Triennial years which brings additional revenue to us. If you attended a banquet this year, you've heard that visitors are another source of revenue for Train Mountain, and the Triennial attracts new visitors and donations. Overall, the Triennial is a significant source of revenue, attracts new members, and attracts new volunteers.

Build on the success of the past for the enjoyment of the future

Your Triennial Committee is a small group of Train Mountain member volunteers passionate about Train Mountain and the Triennial. We've been busy at Train Mountain and at home building the foundation for the next Triennial. You may have heard our voices at the banquets at the meets this summer or been interviewed by our Committee Leader, Cheryl, about your past Triennial experiences. This is not our first (or second) Triennial; however, it is our first time planning the Triennial, and we need your experience and help to make this an event everyone can enjoy!

We want to hear from you! Please e-mail us at Triennial@tmrr.org with suggestions, comments, feedback, or ideas for the Triennial!

We need you! As with all events, the volunteers make it happen, and hosting the Triennial is no exception. A special "Thank you!" to those who have already stepped up! We're discussing how to make the Triennial volunteer experience better and more rewarding. Please e-mail us at Triennial@tmrr.org if you'd like to help, and be on the lookout for future Gazette articles about our Sub-Committees and volunteer opportunities!



2025 Triennial Committee

E-mail: Triennial@tmrr.org

Committee Chair

Cheryl McInnes: California/Washington

Committee Co-Chairs

Roz Hawley: Washington

Paul Hingst: California

Allen Howard: Oregon

Debra Howard: Oregon

Russ Wood: Oregon

Train Mountain 2024 Operations Meet

Richard Croll, Train Master

Another year is just about gone, and it is time to start planning next year's fun. The Operations Meet for 2024 will take place starting Thursday, June 27th and wrap up on Sunday, June 30th. The work week and set-up will begin Saturday, June 22nd and finish on Wednesday, June 26th.

Make plans now to join us next year. Please consider coming for the work week as well. It can be a lot of fun too. We have been really blessed with a large turnout of helpers. This has not only made the set-up easier but has kept us out of the afternoon heat. We will gladly train newbies.

Additional cars to switch are always welcome. Just remember that all cars running at Train Mountain must have safety chains on the rear of the car and a way to attach at the front. No carabiners are permitted. 3/16" quick links are the preferred connection. If you would like to provide one or more cars, please email me at rcroll@tmrr.org.

We are in the process of changing over from the Switch List System used for many years to a system based on the Train Game software. The Operations Meet will be different from the Train Game. I will have more details in the months ahead. Meanwhile, I welcome your comments about what you like or dislike about either the Switch List System or the Train Game. I also welcome any suggestions for things you would like changed or added. Please send your comments to me at rcroll@tmrr.org.



Of Note...

November is **National Model Railroad Month**, and if you're a model **train enthusiast**, it may just be the most wonderful time of the year. Miniature trains were first made by German craftsmen in the 1830s. Although toy trains became affordable to middle-class American families in the late 1890s, collecting **model trains** only became a mainstream hobby after World War II. In the US, Lionel Trains dominated the early market. Today, model train enthusiasts are everywhere.

Greetings from Joyce at the front office:

It is November and another holiday season is here. We have gotten our first snow, some rain, some cloudy skies, some clear blue skies and crisp, chilly days.

Kitty Charlie is back at the office greeting visitors, keeping my lap warm while I work at the computer, and taking me out for afternoon walks around the Central Station building. Kitty Maggie continues to hold her princess-ship over the Hall of Flags. She selectively chooses some visitors to greet in the Hall of Flags while others she continues to hide from. She instinctively seems to know which people are cat enthusiasts and which are not.

The Visitor Center office closed for the 2023 season on October 31. Visitors will be coming through the Business Office until the Visitor Center reopens again in spring 2024.

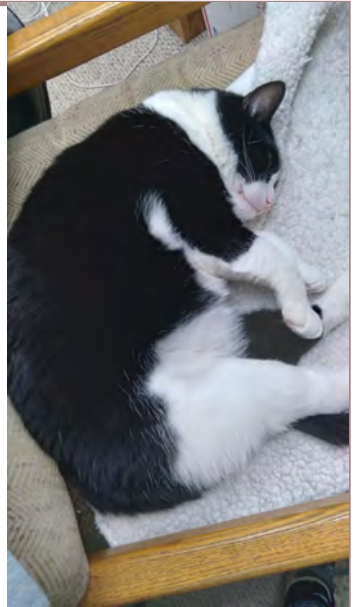
Though it is quieter on the mountain people-wise, the phone continues to ring and a few members, visitors and Harvest Hosts continue to arrive. That is a good thing since it helps keep me from getting people starved, and well, of course, it is great for Train Mountain. 2023 has seen our highest ever visitor traffic.

The Triennial committee and volunteers are making headway planning the 2025 Triennial. I am sure we will be learning more about it in the coming months.

We are currently at 85 memberships with 129 members for the 2024 year. 2023 has 393 memberships with 697 members, including all primary and family members. Members and those wanting to join Train Mountain for the first time can do so online, by mail or in the office.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who help to keep Train Mountain a delightful place, maintain its tracks and its buildings (including the miniature ones), and so much more!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the holidays!



What's spinning on the turntable?

Hank Snow

Canadian Pacific

Canadian Pacific was written by Ray Griff and recorded by Hank Snow in 1971. It is a personal favorite for combining ukuleles and Canada, two of our favorite things after trains.

Snow was a Canadian country-western star of the fifties who overcame significant adversity and poverty in the Great Depression to rise to stardom with the support of his mother. Go Mom.



On Track

Dale Furseth

The weather is cooling off, and there are a lot fewer trains out on the tracks, but maintenance continues on. Now that the major projects are pretty much done for the year, thanks to the Wonder Bread Crew's excellent work replacing the Youngstown track last month, there is a pivot to smaller (micro) projects. These projects consist of things like root removal (which seem to be growing faster than ever), insulator repairs and replacement, replacing ties on old wooden switches, and track gap repairs. We also need help in the track shop, since those large track projects take lots of track panels that need to be built. So, show up and help out. Track maintenance of your railroad does not stop in the winter.



On Cameras

Dale Furseth

Hopefully you have seen some real positive changes to the Train Mountain Cameras web page, and the Daily Photos web page. Management of the cameras is now being handled by new(ish) member Dennis Matzen. Dennis has overcome a bunch of choke points that were preventing us from displaying more than 3 or 4 motion capture cameras at a time. So check out the [DailyPhotos web page](#), and check all the trains out running – and be sure to wave at the camera and say thank you to Dennis the next time you roll thru Central Station!!!

ALCO RS3s of Train Mountain

Lucinda Gilman and Xander Geraghty

We picked up an RS3 this summer, and discovered that several other people have them as well. There are, we believe, a total of four.

ALCO (American Locomotive Company) produced the RS-3 from May 1950 to August 1956. It was a 1600hp "road switcher", often used for mainline short hauls and passenger commuter service. It was quite successful; a total of 1,418 were produced. The RS-3 weighed around 114 tons, was 55' long and had dynamic braking, so railroads could (and did) use the RS3 in heavy-haul service,

It was a great locomotive but was unable to out-compete EMD's GP7. The GP series' success ultimately led to ALCO's demise in 1969.



Train Mountain—Northern Pacific 860

This RS3 was built in 1955. When the Burlington Northern merger happened, it was renumbered to BN 4084. It was retired in 1970.

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Photos courtesy of Dale Furseth and Jeff Mills

Ron Williams— BN 4064 started life in 1953 as SP&S 79, was renumbered to SP&S 4064, and ended its life in BN livery,

Ron's train is YouTube-famous—it appears in Michael Downie's Train Mountain tour video, which has been viewed over 1.9 million times.



Joe Simon— SP&S 69. Built in October of 1951, it was renumbered to BN 4054 and retired in 1978. The model was built in 2005 by Jack Munson (Sutherlin, Or.) Gas -Hydraulic.

Lucinda Gilman and Xander Geraghty—Chicago & Northwestern 1689 was in the last group of passenger ALCOs that CNW ordered. It was built in 1954. It had a steam boiler for heat; AC was usually supplied by ice in bunkers with a system of pipes and fans to get the cool air into the cars. It ran out of Chicago doing commuter service until about 1959, when it

moved to Huron. Sometime after that it was converted to run freight service; it worked around Huron and Green Bay until 1981, when it was purchased by Gary Baloun, a C&NW mechanical officer. He leased it to various tourist railways around the US until 2014, when he moved it to the Illinois Railway Museum, where it lives and runs today.

The model was built by the Hartford Shops in 2008 and is electric.



Photos courtesy of locomotive owners

Halloween!



*Upper and lower left: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers, pictures by Chris Donhost
Lower right: Jeff Davis's track in Longview, WA*





*Upper right: Jeff Davis's track
Center and lower right: Photos by Phil
Senkler, I don't know where his track is, but
they sure had fun*



Halloween at K&W!

Photos from Tom Watson



Halloween at K&W!

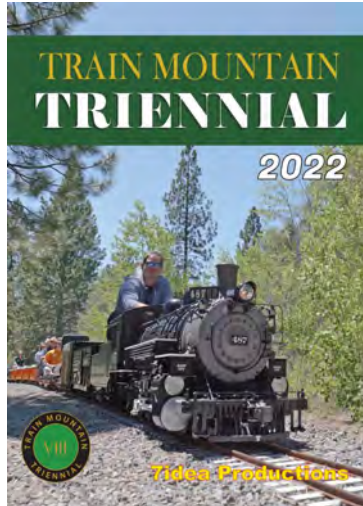
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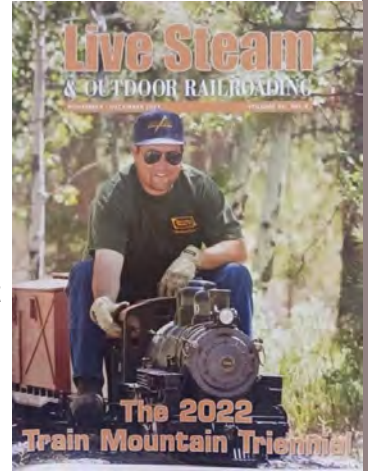
2022 Triennial Video Now Available

The 2022 Train Mountain Triennial video from Aaron Benson at 7Idea Productions is now available. You can [order online](#) or call the office at 541-783-3030 to get your copy. This is a most enjoyable video created by a true video artist and of course it just happens to be about our most favorite subject! The cost of the video is just \$29.95, quite a bargain! Videos of past Triennials are also available.



Our good friend Jim over at Discover Live Steam has placed ads for us on his terrific website, thanks Jim. discoverlivesteam.com

Did you see the great article and front cover story from the November / December 2023 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroad-ing? It is a great article covering the 2022 Triennial, and about the great gang of folks that volunteer at Train Mountain and put on terrific live steam train meets. Pretty cool!



Crater Lake/ Train Mountain Vacation Rentals

Crater Lake Chalet

Located on Hwy 422, only 1 mile off Hwy 62 and 2 miles from Hwy 97 in the Chiloquin area. This house is at north end of Train Mountain and contiguous to Train Mountain.



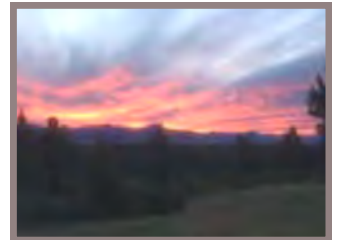
This comfortable house sits on 35 beautiful acres. 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Can sleep up to 6 people.

Panoramic View Ranch House / Crater Lake

This ranch house is located on Hwy 62, and attaches to the west side of Train Mountain. The 56 acres, panoramic views of Agency Lake and



the Cascades. Enjoy a peaceful and private experience. 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Can sleep up to 8 people.



For more information please call: **Julie 415-756-3943** or **Mike 415-420-9026**
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Travelers can fuel up with gas, diesel, or propane. Stop in for a snack or soda, or grab a quick meal featuring food to go or you can eat it there, Free Wi-Fi, a comfortable lounge with large screen TVs, laundry and shower facilities, and ATMs are all available.

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DON'T YELL AT ME, I AM A VOLUNTEER!

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Please submit your volunteer hours. If you work off site or at home on Train Mountain projects - these hours count.



REMEMBER: No job is complete without the paperwork!



NOTICES

Gazette PUBLICATION DEADLINE:

Submissions to the Gazette must be received by the 15th of the month of publication. The fifteenth of the month is to be the last day to submit material. Material received after the 15th of the month may be held until the following month or rejected.

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If your document has an embedded image, you must also include the image separately as a jpg, png, or similar image file.

Please send all articles to lucindagilman@gmail.com.

Visitors to Train Mountain and YOU:

Train Mountain is very popular and is continually attracting visitors from throughout the world. We announce that our hours are from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM Monday through Friday during the summer, and 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM during the winter. The office is closed on weekends except during meets, and then only when volunteers are available to open the office.

Our insurance advisors request that all people (members and visitors) complete and sign a liability release. If **YOU** as a member encounter visitors on the property without a visitors pass please direct them to the office so that we can insure that a release has been completed and a visitors pass has been issued.

If **YOU**, as a member, open the gate and allow visitors to pass through - **YOU** are responsible to see that the release has been completed, and **YOU** are liable for them until they sign a release. Releases are available in the mailboxes near the office for those times when the office is closed. There are also releases available in the kitchen and in the Back Shop.

If you do not want to, or do not have the time to, ensure that the releases are completed - then please graciously explain that the train park is closed to visitors and that the open hours are normally (Winter - 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM) (Summer - 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM) Monday through

Please Volunteer at a Train Mountain Meet!

Train Mountain is a NO SMOKING Facility

During recent events, many Members and their Guests have been ignoring this policy. There are only three designated smoking areas at Train Mountain:

- (1) Outside the front of the Backshop
- (2) Outside the east door of the Hall of Flags
- (3) Outside the Motor Pool (Maintenance Building)

Due to the high fire danger at Train Mountain during the summer, we have zero tolerance for anyone smoking outside one of the designated areas.

There is NO SMOKING anywhere out on the track!

Members, Guests, and Visitors that continue to violate the Train Mountain Smoking Policy may be asked to leave.

I've heard of that social media thing...

If you want to get Train Mountain information and pictures while you're waiting for the next gazette, follow and like us on these social media platforms:



Facebook: [/trainmountainrailroad](https://www.facebook.com/trainmountainrailroad)

Instagram: [trainmountainrailroad](https://www.instagram.com/trainmountainrailroad)

Youtube: [trainmountainrailroad](https://www.youtube.com/trainmountainrailroad)

New Gate Code

Due to security concerns, the Gate Code for the Train Mountain Main Gate may be changed at any time without notice. Any Member planning to arrive at Train Mountain when the Office is closed will need to contact the Office prior to arrival to ensure they have the current Gate Code.

Get New Gate Code—Call Office 541-783-3030

Train Mountain Volunteer Hours

Name: _____

Month & Year: _____

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Volunteer Hours Reporting

Dale Furseth has worked his techie magic on the member's part of our website again. You can now report your monthly volunteer hours online. From the Train Mountain Railroad home page, click on "Online Member Resources: Join Train Mountain: "Register for Meets", then on "Enter Volunteer Hours" or go there directly with this link:

https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/Member_VolunteerHours.aspx

Choose your name from the drop down menu, enter your total hours in the box that matches the month you are reporting your hours for and click on “Update Information” to submit them. So-o-o simple! We hope you enjoy using this feature.