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Well folks we are in the final stretch leading up to the Big One. We **February** have two Work Weeks and two Meets to get some of the bigger projects done. The committees are busy getting set up for the many volunteer

hours required to put on a meet like this. As things get more hectic some of us may 'bark' a little and that is not a good thing. Our hobby is a great hobby and in theory it is supposed to be fun. In keeping with the fun aspect in this issue I have posted the long standing Train Mountain 'Code of Conduct'. Please feel free to remind some of us if we forget and need to be reminded to smile, and try and keep it friendly and most of all let's all have some fun.

We have room for a few more vendors so put the word out to your favorite vendor and maybe they might decide to come and enjoy meeting all of your friends here on the Mountain.

Joyce is getting tons of calls with members asking questions about the Triennial. Her standard reply is did you not find the information on the club website? After an embarrassing moment they reply they did not look! So please, please use the information on the website. The answers are PDF files and can be printed on your home printer. Let's try and keep the office chatter to a minimum. Joyce is there to assist you, but you should do your part before your call. Thanks.

Dale is putting together his "gotta' get er' done" list for track work to try to be completed by the Triennial. Contact the Office and

give us your name and contact information if you would like to assist him. As much as he likes to train newbies, I think at this late date he is looking for knowledgeable "tracksters" this time around.

Every time we have a Triennial we have more trains than the last time. Also the trains seem to grow a little from the last time! The good news is we have all but eliminated the wood tie mainline track in the last few years, the bad news we have NOT added any new track especially as it relates to yards and sidings, so Things may get a little crowded and we may be doing some "shared" resources so please remember, it's supposed to be fun, patience, breath in, breath out!

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From the Desk of Train Mountain Railroad President - By Jeff Mills

February still finds us in winter but one month closer to the Triennial in June. Preparations for that event are also continuing. A lot will be asked of the volunteers who attend the upcoming Work Weeks. I am confident our intrepid troop of volunteers are up to the task to get the Train Park ready, however. Come prepared to be asked to perform many vital tasks: raking and hauling forest debris, track maintenance, infrastructure repair, general clean up and equipment maintenance.

I have been asked which <u>radios</u> we will be using this year. This is the first Triennial since we changed over to the UHF radios. We expect most people attending will not have those yet or have them programmed correctly. The decision is to use the FRS radios for the control tower while the UHF radios will be limited to administrative functions. All committees requiring radio equipment will have UHF radios supplied. Channels will be assigned to specific committees who expect a lot of radio traffic such as staging and load/unload committee. There will also be a base station in the Central Station Office, the Triennial Event Office and the UP Caboose dedicated to communications. The upcoming OPS Meet will be on UHF and will be the designated radio for future meets and Triennials. The FRS radios can still be used for inter-train communications if desired. The Radio Operating Procedures for the Triennial and will be posted on the Triennial Information Tab of the website and on Face Book soon.

Please take the time for periodic reviews as the Triennial nears for additional information.

Sign up for Triennial Volunteer shifts is continuing with Danny Chamrad at djc2jr@hotmail.com. Volunteering for these shifts is critical to the success of the Triennial. The sooner you sign up the better your chance to get on the committees and the shifts you prefer. So do not hesitate and sign up today.

As of February 2nd, we have a total of 634 people registered and 295 trains. These numbers, and the fees, will increase so register as soon as you can. Registration fees increase again April 1st. Early registration also helps up determine demands on services and materials needed.

In addition to volunteering, please keep in mind for many Triennial attendees it will be their first experience at Train Mountain. Please engage your fellow train enthusiasts and make their and your time more rewarding whether they are a first timer, day visitor, or seasoned TM veteran. Also, if you have an empty seat on your train, please offer it to a bystander. Great impressions can be made with everyone's generosity, patience, and involvement at your Triennial.

Kitsap Work Week 2022 By Jeff Mills

The Kitsap Work Week will be April 9th Through April 15th this year. Depending on Oregon State Covid Restrictions. We will be working on various projects in anticipation of the 2022 Triennial. Jerry Crane will be the Volunteer Coordinator for this work week and we will hold the usual morning volunteer meetings to assign volunteers to various tasks.

Lodgings will be provided on a first come basis and you may need to share a room. Camp Sites are available hook ups are limited.

The local residents look forward to this work week as it is a sure sign winter is over and they can recover from winter's cabin fever.

You do not have to be a KLS or TM member to participate in this work week, all volunteers are welcomed. You will need to sign the provided liability wavier and view the TM Safety video on our website. This is a great time to come to Train Mountain and volunteer <u>without</u> having to **pay a meet fee**.

Please Contact Me at oldcatd399@hotmail.com or 253-740-6013. If you need to reserve a room please call the TM Office at 541-783-3030 Monday through Friday between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

2022 Train Mountain Operations Meet

By Richard Croll, Trainmaster

This being a Triennial year, the Operations Meet will be held a month later than usual. The Operations Meet is always one of the most popular of the year. Please consider adding this to your list of adventures this year. It is always a lot of fun.

The work week is July 23 thru July 27, and the operations will be July 28 thru July 31. The exact schedule is still under consideration, but we know that inspection and sorting of cars will be done on Monday, July 23, and Tuesday July 24. Wednesday will be when most of the cars will be spotted out on the railroad. These are activities that need plenty of volunteers. The jobs are not difficult, can be a lot of fun and we are always happy to train people new to the jobs. We are likely to make some changes as to how and when we bring the cars back in at the end of the meet. Unless we have a firm commitment from more people to stay late on Sunday, we will probably start returning cars to the main yard on Saturday. More details will be in the Gazette as we get closer to the meet.

If you have any new cars you would like to add to the inventory, please send a picture of the car to Jim Armstrong at armstrong.jandg@gmail.com. We always welcome more cars. Cars should be available to us on Monday or Tuesday of the work week, and will be returned on Sunday, July 31st.

If you have any questions about the Operations Meet, or would like to help in any way, please contact me at railroc66@yahoo.com.





SEASON REOPENING

Memorial Day weekend

Saturday May 28th 2022

Hours 10-3

The Klamath and Western Railroad will be reopening for another of their terrific public ride seasons. They need some help and they need it across the board. They need meeters and greeters, diner help, gift shop help, and of course engineers and conductors. You do not need to own a train to participate, they have the trains ready to go and they will provide the training. In addition they need some help in getting ready for their season opener and that includes some yard work (IE raking and hauling) and some general overall cleanup. So if you would like to help them out please check out their website for contact information.

https://knwrr.org/

Communications Plan for the 2022 Triennial

by Dick Miller, Communications Chairman

The only train operations that will require a radio will be for communications with the Central Station tower. In order to accommodate visiting members this communications will take place on FRS Channel 13. In order to get routing through the Central Station area, it will be necessary to call the tower to advise them of your preferred route. The tower will operate from 8 am to 7 pm. When the tower is closed, you may select your own route with the trackside pushbuttons.



Road communications outside the Central Yard area will occur on FRS Channel 10. Privacy sub tones will not be used on either Channel 10 or channel 13.

The current plan is for administration to monitor Channel 10 during the meet for calls for assistance or emergencies. Please use any other FRS channel for communications between your crew or family members.

All administrative and communications for overhead functions will be handled on one of the UHF channels licensed to Train Mountain. A limited number of these UHF radios will be available for visiting volunteers performing duties that require park wide communications.





HOPE SHELTER PROJECT

FEBRUARY UPDATE

Here is the monthly update from the Hope Shelter Committee (HSC). There is progress to report. All modifications to the plans have been completed, and were submitted to an engineering company (PSE Consulting Engineers in Klamath Falls). The plans have been approved, and have been submitted for permit approval with Klamath County. We should hear back from the County by approximately February 18, 2022.



We have received some quotes. One of the quotes is for a sawyer, who will come to Train Mountain (TM) with a portable mill, and cut the wood required for the structure. We have also received a metal roofing quote, which is only for material and delivery.

The carpenter shop, in the motor pool, has been cleaned out for this project. Six saw horses have been built to aid in the fabrication of the shelter. The plan is to have the logs cut to size as soon as possible, along with enough wood to build four picnic tables for the shelter.

If anyone is interested in donating to the Hope Shelter Project, please mail a check (made out to Train Mountain) to: 36941 S. Chiloquin Road, Chiloquin, OR 97624. Please make sure you note on the check the donation is for the Hope Shelter Project.

Volunteers to assist with this project will also be needed sometime in the future. If you are interested, please contact Gil Dominguez via email: gilnjanet@mac.com or via phone: (916) 616-3949.

Thank you!

Spring Awakening Meets the Train Game

The Train Game "Rail Ops" will debut at Train Mountain for the "Spring Awakening Meet" in May and then it will run continuously through "Fall Colors" in October. The Game will take a short hiatus during the Triennial where it will only operate in a modified demo mode on the North property. So come any time during the spring, summer and fall and experience the Train Game. It is the full time model railroad operating session.

Starting during the days before the Spring Awakening Meet, the "Rail Ops" system will stage 20 TMRR cars on the layout as the base operating assets and, in addition, private owners will also be staging their cars on the layout and putting an estimated 20 to 40 cars into the Job Pool at any one time. All of the cars will be equipped with the Train Game "Transponder" which will provide GPS tracking and position reporting. The Train Game "Rail Ops" website will then manage all the cars and participants as it dispatches Jobs for the players to move the cars. It is fun, easy and an entertaining way to experience all of Train Mountain.

The Train Game Website offers a variety of operating scenarios including generated Switch Lists and individual Job selections. A "Job" may be selected from a map, job list, car list, or even just picked up when in route using a QR scan code system. Any way one wishes to select a Job, the result will be fun times moving cars between TMRR industries and stations. Every car that moves pays the mover and the car owner in points called Train Game dollars (TG\$).

During the Spring Awakening Meet, work week and throughout the summer there will be Train Game representatives available to get the participants involved with the Train Game and familiar with the Website. Access to the Website is either by mobile devices or through one of the Train Game kiosks. There will be some special activities including a photo contest and a "most moves" prize during the spring meet.

So don't miss out when the Spring Awakening Meets the new Train Game. And please come and help us get ready for a very busy season at Train Mountain.

Any questions? Contact Steve Eddy at sceddy20@gmail.com

Triennial Volunteer Request - Woody Lewis

This is a repeat request, I am the Triennial BackShop Committee Chairman and I would like to have you on my team. During the Triennial the BackShop can get very busy and we need to assist our fellow members in expediting their specific repairs. We need to man the shop in 2 hour shifts to give the regulars a chance to enjoy the meet. If this is something that you would like to do please contact me:

Woody Lewis Triennial BackShop Chairman mogul@dspprr.com

Thanks in advance



Train Mountain Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct presents a summary of the shared values and "common sense" thinking in the Train Mountain (TM) community. The basic social ingredients that hold our project together include:

Be considerate

Be respectful

Be collaborative

Be pragmatic

Support others in the TM community

Be considerate

- Remember that others will depend on the volunteer work that you do at TM and you in turn will depend on the volunteer work done by others.
- Give full credit for the work of others.
- Remember that everyone works hard on their part of TM and take great pride in it.
- If you are frustrated your problems are more likely to be resolved if you can give accurate and wellmannered information to all concerned.

Be respectful

In order for the TM community to stay healthy its members must feel comfortable and accepted. Treating one another with respect is absolutely necessary for this. In a disagreement, in the first instance assume that people mean well. We do not tolerate personal attacks, racism, sexism or any other form of discrimination. Disagreement is inevitable, from time to time, but respect for the views of others will go a long way to winning respect for your own view. Respecting other people, their work, their contributions and assuming well-meaning motivation will make community members feel comfortable and safe and will result in motivation and productivity. We expect members of our community to be respectful when dealing with other volunteers, members, guests, visitors, students, and the surrounding community. Always assume in the first instance that people mean well.

Be collaborative

Train Mountain and the Miniature Railroad Hobby depends on volunteer collaboration:

- Work with others.
- Share your skills.
- Try to make work fun.
- Avoid misunderstandings :
 - o Try to be clear and concise when requesting help or giving it.
 - o Remember it is easy to misunderstand others... especially in email \square
 - o Ask for clarifications if unsure how something is meant. \square
 - O Assume in the first instance that people mean well.
- Be transparent and help others learn about what you are doing.
- Keep the community informed on issues affecting it.
- Work with respect, concern, courtesy, and responsiveness in carrying out Train Mountain's mission. Report your volunteer hours.
- Try not to waste other people's time.
- Volunteers on every project come and go. When you leave or disengage from the project, in whole or in part, you should do so with pride about what you have achieved and by acting responsibly towards others who come after you to continue the project.
- Your feedback is important, as is its form. Poorly thought out comments can cause pain and the demotivation of other community members, but considerate discussion of problems can bring positive results.
 Try to accompany any criticism with constructive suggestions. An encouraging word works wonders.

Be pragmatic

Train Mountain is a pragmatic community. We value tangible results. We defend our core values like respectful collaboration, but we don't let arguments about minor issues get in the way of achieving more important results. We are open to suggestions and welcome solutions regardless of their origin. When in doubt support a solution which helps getting things done over one which has theoretical merits. Use the approach and methods which help getting the job done. Let decisions be taken by those who do the work in consultation with the board. Get permits and obey the laws and regulations.

Support others in the community

Our community is made strong by mutual respect, collaboration and pragmatic, responsible behavior. Sometimes there are situations where this has to be defended and other Train Mountain community members need help. If you witness others being attacked, think first about how you can offer them personal support. If you feel that the situation is beyond your ability to help individually, go privately to the victim and ask if some form of official intervention is needed. Similarly you should support anyone who appears to be in danger of burning out, either through work-related stress or personal problems. When problems do arise, consider respectfully reminding those involved of our shared Code of Conduct as a first action. Leaders are defined by their actions, and can help set a good example by working to resolve issues in the spirit of this Code of Conduct before they escalate.

Get support from others in the community

Occasional disagreements are inevitable. Our community is no exception to the rule. The goal is not to avoid disagreements or differing views but to resolve them constructively. Where possible consult the team most directly involved. Consider raising the issue with the board. Think deeply before turning a disagreement into a public dispute. Try to resolve differences in a less highly-emotional medium. If you do feel that you or your work is being attacked, take your time to breathe before writing heated replies. Consider a 24-hour moratorium if emotional language is being used — a cooling off period is sometimes all that is needed. Remember - Train Mountain was created by the community working together. Train Mountain: Where Friends Share Skills

Greetings from Joyce Russ at the front office:

Well with Joyce getting a much needed and welcomed break (she's on vacation) I have been filling in at the office. So if things are not getting done to your satisfaction, PLEASE don't blame Joyce, it is almost surely my fault. We are having visitors daily and they can currently only get a walking tour as the track is still frozen in many spots so no Rail Tours. The comments back from the visitors have been very positive and most say they will come back when its warmer and get to enjoy more of the park.

We are getting membership renewals and Meet registrations at a pretty steady rate so that is a good sign for what we can expect for the rest of the year.

The Klamath and Western is restarting this year and that will help with the weekend tourists. With Train Mountain being open Monday through Friday and K&W open on Saturday we should have the tourists covered I think!

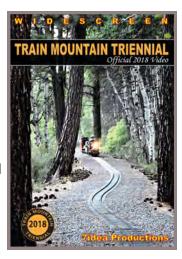
Danny still needs more volunteers for the Triennial so please if you're coming to the Triennial get signed up, we really need your help. Thanks.

2022 Train Mountain <u>Train Meet Schedule</u>							
	Polar Bear Train Meet	Spring Awakening Train Meet	Narrow Gauge Train Meet	Triennial Train Meet	Operations Train Meet	Big Build Train Meet	Fall Colors Train Meet
Work Week	none	4 /30 to 5 /5	5 /21 to 5 /26	6 /11 to 6 /19	7 /23 yo 7 /27	9/3 to 9 /8	none
Meet	1/14 to 1/16	5 /6 to 5 /8	5 /27 to 5 /29	6 /20 to 6 /26	7 /28 to 7/31	9 /9 to 9 /11	10 /7 to 10 /10

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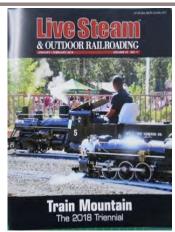
2018 Triennial Video Now Available

The 2018 Train Mountain Triennial video from Aaron Benson at 7Idea Productions is now available. You can order online at the link shown or you can 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!



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 January / February 2019 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading? It is a great article covering



the 2018 Triennial. and the great gang of folks that hang around the place and put on terrific live steam trainmeets. As an added bonus there is a photo album by member Michelle Moore! How about that! Pretty cool!

Crater Lake/ Train Mountain Vacation Rentals

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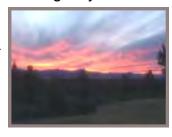


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Travelers can fuel up with gas, diesel, or propane. Stop in for a snack or soda, or grab a quick meal featuring food to go or you can eat it there, Free Wi-Fi, a comfortable lounge with large screen TVs, laundry and shower facilities, and ATMs are all available.

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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!

I AM NOT A ROBOT!

There have been a few changes made to the member's site, specifically where payment information is entered. The most noticeable change is that we have added a question asking if you are a robot. You check the box and depending on a bunch of things, you may be asked to choose from a set of pictures. You may be asked to click the pictures that show street signs, or click on pictures that show store fronts. It seems silly, but the questions and challenges are carefully crafted and updated by Google, and have an amazing success rate at determining if the entity pressing the keys is a real person or a computer program ("robot") trying to gain access.

The technology is called "CAPTCHA", or in our case "reCAPTCHA" and is quickly being the standard for online protection against robots, which pose a real problem to web sites. This is replacing the (to me) very irritating practice of trying to figure out what letters and numbers they are showing in fuzzy text. If you have questions or problems getting around the new challenge (or if you are a robot!), feel free to give Joyce a call in the office.

Dale Furseth, "the computer guy"



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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Articles and ads may be submitted via a pdf file, MS WORD, Open Office, notepad, or similar text file attached to an email. The email SUBJECT line must include your article title and a date.

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If your document has an embedded image, you must also include the image separately as a jpg,

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

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.

What is Amazon Smile?

In a nutshell, it is a way for Train Mountain to receive 501c3 donations from Amazon. According to Amazon: AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

When you go to Amazon Smile, choose Train Mountain Institute as your charity. In order for this to work, you must always start from Amazon Smile. Then all else is the same, your account, wish lists, etc. Also available is a direct link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-4031025 for the TMI account.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. I found that just about everything I purchased lately is eligible.

If we can get a large number of Train Mountain supporters to take advantage of the Amazon Smile program, this could result in sizable donations to Train Mountain.

Click here for more information.

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 &	Month & Year:					
Date	Project(s) Worked On	Number of Hours					
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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.