



The Mountain GAZETTE

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FROM THE MANAGER



Santa is coming! He is on his way; the elves are all focused on his arrival and the first "Train Mountain Railroad Museum Holiday Express". While some crew members are arriving many have been working very hard to get ready, Santa's "North Pole" stage is almost ready, Amtrak and the holiday trains are up and running on the G Scale layout, the HO display is under construction, outdoor decorations and displays are going in, the kitchen is gearing up and many Christmas trees and table top displays are decorated. Oh ya, did I mention a float for the Klamath Falls Snowflake Parade is being built as well! This is a fund raiser and we are going all out, the posters are hung and flyers are being handed out, TV and Radio stations are being approached and local newspapers are carrying our announcements. Phone calls are coming in and the schedule for special group appointments is filling. For about 30 of us we will put in 10 days of serving the public with hopes of setting the

stage for the future.

Thank you to all of you that have sent in donations of money and decorations, it helps a lot. And a great big thank you to those that are able to be here on site and make this happen. It is the effort of a few that will make sure you get to come and enjoy Train Mountain as much again next year.

As you look at the pictures within this gazette take pleasure in what you see and thank those that made it happen when you see them next season.



There is a rumor that Train Mountain sold some train cars and we did. The timing was right to reduce the fleet a bit and money was needed for many things. While I was attached to these cars, the greater good was to raise money for the budget and get some things paid off. Next year's property taxes are all paid and the back payroll taxes and penalties have been paid, which means all liens on our payroll accounts will be gone as soon as the IRS can process them. Thanks to Sharon's negotiations with the Tax Man, the penalties were dropped and interest reduced and we made the final payment.

In trying times like this I am happy to have members like Hank Todaro. Hank and I have known each other for years and he knew we needed dollars and offered to buy some rolling stock. This stock is going to be run around the railroads Hank goes to as a "Quentin Breen Memorial Train". Train mountain also has first right of refusal should Hank decide to sell these cars. Thanks to Hank and his willing generosity, there was no price

negotiation, he agreed to my prices and then some; by doing this he is directly responsible for getting much of triennial bills paid and the IRS Payroll Tax interest. Thanks Hank.

Things are pretty hectic for the rest of this month and then it is time to get a master plan devised, 501(c)3 paperwork prepared and deal with all the operational issues for next year's running. Sharon continues to work on the estate issues and the various companies Quentin was a part of. Her task is huge and she is working hard on it.

While the approval for parks within 3 miles of an urban growth boundary has been approved, there is still much to do in planning the future for Train Mountain. Indications are that FTM will continue laying track so track will progress but the infrastructure needed to operate Train Mountain has to be upgraded as well as the track maintenance program. We all like running on the track and we all should work hard to keep this gift up to snuff for all to enjoy.

For myself and Kay I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now off to practice my HO HO HO!

Talk to you soon

Ross Perrin, General Manager

FROM THE EDITOR



Happy Holidays! If you're not in the holiday spirit yet it's because you haven't been at Train Mountain lately. The locals have been really bustin' it getting the place all set up for the upcoming Train Mountain RR Holiday Express extravaganza. The Hall of Flags (aka The North Pole) is all decked out in all of the coolest decorations you can imagine. Everyone is really working hard to make sure the kiddies (and some of us old dudes) have a really great time. The dates are Dec 11-13 and the 18-20 and if at all possible please try and make the trip. This issue is just before the event so all you'll get to see some of the preparations but next issue will have all the detail shots of the kids enjoying the fruits of our labors.

This issue is also very special to me. It seems like only yesterday that Quentin asked if I would be interested in helping Train Mountain with a club style newsletter. Well, the first issue of The Mountain Gazette went out and the rest, as they say, is history. This is issue number 100! How bout' dat'. I've loved every minute of it and your comments have been very rewarding. Of course I just do the easy part and with partners in crime like Carol and Peggy it is really a great job. Just as a little sidebar in the years I've been doing this newsletter, neither Quentin nor Sharon has ever redlined any article. They have allowed me to editorialize how I feel about what's going on at the Mountain. To this end I've tried to never abuse that great privilege. Thank you Quentin, thank you Sharon, and thank you the members of Train Mountain.

That's enough of the sweetness that you've come to expect from me, now down to the real business at hand. Have you paid your dues yet? Imagine 30 miles of track, a couple of thousand acres of forested land, seven meets per year and all for only \$150 per year! How can you pass up a deal like that? Seriously, the dues are just a portion of the funds that it takes to keep Train Mountain going. But it is a very important part that helps out a lot. Also, your continued participation in all the events here are important in Sharon's efforts to get a 501(c)3 tax status for Train Mountain. The upcoming Train Mountain RR Holiday Express is a special fund-raising event geared to help the budget and the efforts to get a 501(c)3 status. Bottom line, if you haven't paid your dues, please do. If you have, we thank you and look forward to your next visit to the Mountain.

THE TENDER HALF



I hope that by now everyone has had an opportunity to look at the new website. I'm very pleased with it. Of course, it did not come without a few glitches. Thank you to those who emailed or phoned in to let me know there was a problem. I believe we have things all taken care of now. I encourage you to continue to let me know if you have a problem or find something that doesn't seem right. In general I think you will find the site to be much easier to use. You may either go directly to www.trainmountainstore.com or there is still a link from the Train Mountain home page.

To date we only have one person taking advantage of the Classified Ad section, but I hope that will increase soon. On the home page there is a list of categories in red on the left. At the bottom of that list is a white box that reads Classified Ads. Click it and you may choose to view others' items for sale or create an account of your own and display things you would like to sell. This is a system similar to Ebay where interest in or sale of any particular item is dealt with strictly between the individuals involved through email. I am not involved. In fact I cannot put an item on the website for you. All I can do is edit it or delete it if it is not appropriate. The service is free. We do ask that you consider making a donation to Train Mountain, if you have a successful experience.

A few of us are looking for a good picture of all the trains together at the Triennial. I know that there were lots of people with cameras, but I haven't received any pictures. What I am looking for in particular is one of everyone in the Main Yard gathering before the Cavalcade of Trains. You may not think you have a great shot, but please send it to me anyway (Store@trainmountain.org)....it's probably better than what we've got. I have ordered new shirts for the store. Yes, they have pockets!!!!!! They are a polo with our logo above the pocket and on the back....very cool colors. There is a dark green and a burgundy similar to our Triennial color. I think you'll like them. I have also put the Christmas ornaments on sale through the rest of the season for 10% off.

We've been very busy around here. You wouldn't even recognize the place. With the help of many devoted members Train Mountain looks like a Winter Wonderland....it is truly spectacular. I appreciate those of you who wished you could come, but sent in donations instead. This has been a huge undertaking and every little bit helps. There is still time to contribute, if you'd like. Many of our locals have fronted the moneys needed to build and buy supplies for this project and we want to make sure they are paid back. We have a float in Klamath Fall's Snowflake Parade on Thursday evening and then our Train Mountain RR Holiday Express event begins Friday Dec. 11-Dec. 20. I hope to have lots of pictures to share with you in our next edition. Until then



*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

TTFN

Kay Perrin

BITS & PIECES



The elves have been very very busy at Train Mountain this past month preparing for the Train Mountain RR Holiday Express events. What they've managed to accomplish in a short period of time is absolutely amazing!

Lots of busy people, and I fear I might miss someone, but those who have been around the most and working very hard deserve mountains of thanks. Obviously, Ross, Kay, Sharon, Alma & Jerry. And the volunteers: Russ Wood with support from Linda; Chris & Michelle Kuehl with help from other family members; Jim & Sabra Rickman; Jerry & Louis Balf; Dennis & Mort Ediger, who have made trips from Washington just to set up a wonderful garden railway exhibit and help in other areas; Charlie & Peg Schubert; Dennis Ward; Lee & Toni Brooks; Lee & Joanne Breuer; John Wheelock —and Seth Abrahams and Bill Dobbs have traveled distances to pitch in too! If I have missed someone, I offer my most humble apologies.

Carol



Below Michelle Kuehl explains how she sees things for their children's activity area to Chris and Kay.



Dennis & Mort Ediger and a very Small portion of their Garden Railroad Display.





Jerry Balf looking for that one little light that isn't working. Patience!



Above, Jim & Sabra Rickman took on the responsibility of decorating the gates.

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)

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Inspecting the prototype of the lanterns Russ built at Kay's request.

HOLIDAY EXPRESS

Is Heading this Way!!



Tree decorated with a railroad theme with packages around it will be auctioned off the evening of December 18. It has two trains running around it (see photo to the right). This was Alma's Creation—good job Alma! Give her a call to find out how to put your bid in, 541-783-3030 or email info@trainmountain.org.

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Ornaments



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