



The Mountain GAZETTE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT – Sharon Breen sharon@trainmountain.org

The following is a letter that was sent out on 9/29/2010:

Dear Train Mountain members,

Time has allowed for many creative ideas about what the situation is here at Train Mountain, and how TM can operate in the future.

What has happened:

Unfortunately, Quentin is no longer here to cover operating deficits from his funds.

A three month lay-off was made of administrative staff saving TM nearly \$8,000, a great portion of the monthly deficit it was experiencing.

Building locks were changed.

An apparent break-in occurred the night after the locks were changed & is still under investigation by the sheriff's dept.

Some cost items have been cut, i.e. Unused freezer/refers turned off, propane leaks sealed, Direct TV discontinued.

How it is:

Members are welcome and may enjoy the same privileges as always.

Gates are open and have the same code.

Track is open.

The Company Office will be manned Tuesdays through Friday mornings by volunteers.

The Company Store will fill orders and be open during meets.

All Store and Office messages will be answered Tues. thru Fri. on a daily basis.

Volunteers will fill in for the administrative positions until the budget is formed.

A 'tightening of the ship' of unnecessary costs will continue. Please let me know of ways that you think this can be accomplished.

Guest rooms are available.

Fall Colors Meet is still planned.

While I am trying to focus on IRS Tax issues, a lawsuit has been filed against me personally and Train Mountain by Fred Vertel.

How it will be:

Building keys will be issued with sign up. They are non-duplicable.

The schedule for future meets will be forthcoming shortly.

I will be at a 'Fireside Chat', (perhaps by the fire pit), on the Friday evening of the Fall Colors Meet.

These informal Fireside Chats with Q&A shall be planned for each meet.

My main focus will continue to find documents that lead to the clearance of IRS tax issues and to keep TM operating even through distractions.

I will continue to be open to suggestions and ideas in e-mail or letter form: sharon@trainmountian.org.

Your creative power is encouraged toward solutions and participation.

Hopefully, the beautiful weather and great yellow, orange & reds will continue into the meet. There are still many Aspens that haven't begun to change yet so there should be good colors to be seen next weekend.

Much more later,

Sharon Breen



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FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont.) – Sharon Breen sharon@trainmountain.org

Dear Folks,

The Fall Colors Meet was right in time with Mother Nature! Trees were glorious. Weather was close to behaving itself, (it's much colder today). I stood & enjoyed hearing, then seeing, the trains down in the meadow. Something about the clear, cool air seems to make it even more special. I'm glad that so many were able to enjoy it as well as myself.

I have attached my last notice for those who may have not been on the list I sent it to. But here are some additional things to report:

The Klamath and Western club will hold a Halloween Day on October 30th, which will be super, especially as Train Mountain will not be hosting a party for Halloween.

Recycling will become the norm at TM. Less in fees, more in resource gain. We will make it as convenient for users as possible.

A change to the **Store and Office hours, are now 9:00 to 11:00 Tues-Thurs.** for the winter. Messages left for the office and store will be answered as soon as possible. Volunteers will be manning the office so please be patient.

The Board would like to see volunteer coordinators on several different levels.

Volunteer projects shall be identified, with purposed declared, desired end result identified, cost & expected returns diligently estimated, and submitted for approval to the board.

All written suggestions, sans author if desired, will be posted in the Gazette. Please, consider them, and if you can think of ways to refine the suggestion or if you can help do the project or organize the idea, let us know!!

Suggestions Found in the suggestion box:

- It would be nice to place (have), a porta-potty at the end of the track.
- Move spring meet to week of June 11-13 so school kids can come. (In 2011 the Ops meet will be the latter part of June & 1st of July. It is a great meet for kids to learn & be involved with the extra activities.)
- For the benefit of the Holiday Express, dig 18" deep in 6 Acre campground area that serves for driving and parking. Fill with red cinder rock, & top with gravel.
- Have bigger trains.
- Lease cabooses to members for them to refurbish.
- Have the annual fireworks display at the Polar Bear Meet when there is less chance of a fire.

It remains my ambition to protect & preserve Train Mountain as it was created. Is that impossible?

Will there be the love for the hobby that results in the further enjoyment for everyone who comes?

This is what I have been committed to and continue to work toward: a political free family of enthusiasts. The big picture is to rid Train Mountain from the debts, the alleged debts of the IRS, and to prosper as a self-supporting organization that welcomes participants.

In closing I would like to add that memberships at Train Mountain renewed before Dec 15th 2010 will receive a Train Mountain Christmas ornament as a thank you gift. This is a \$20 value.

With loyalty and appreciation,

Sharon—sharon@trainmountain.org



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FROM THE EDITOR – Russ Wood russ@hobby-tronics.com

For me personally this is the second hardest issue I've had to put to press. The hardest of course was the issue announcing the passing of our founder, Quentin Breen. So here goes, as you may or may not know, Train Mountain has been hemorrhaging cash for many months now. In an effort to try and balance the books and get a chance to stop the bleeding, the Board of Directors of Train Mountain has decided that a stop gap measure would be to temporarily lay off the staff. This lay off is expected to be for a few months while Train Mountain regroupes and tries to get a complete handle on its expenses. This was a very difficult decision for all concerned. We are all railroad hobbyists, that have come together at Train Mountain. As such we have not only made close friends here but we have all come to regard everyone associated with Train Mountain, especially the staff, as part of our extended families. Ross, Kay and Alma have been running the place and have been our main contact with Train Mountain. Without them here there is a tremendous void. This void is temporarily trying to be fulfilled by volunteers. Of course there are issues to be resolved during this transition period as we learn to live without the expertise that is no longer here. Please be patient if you have things that you need answers to as we go through this process. Also please be patient with whoever answers the phone as they try and get you an answer.

This past Fall Colors Meet was well attended and everyone enjoyed their days running the track and enjoying some great fall weather. Several groups made the trek up to the end of track to see the track work of the Friends of Train Mountain track crews. For a very long time Train Mountain has been noted for it's long train rides, but. . . . It is a long way up to end of track and a long way back. It is a very cool ride through all of the changing colors of fall in the woods.

During the meet we were visited by the Rose City Garden Railroad Society. They took the Amtrak train to Klamath Falls and then bused up to Train Mountain to visit Mort and Dennis and their Midway Garden Railroad. Train Mountain had trains waiting to take them down to Midway for their visit and to see the great work going on there. They were pleased at what they found and there is a rumor that 4 of their group are planning on joining Train Mountain to help out.

The addition of the Midway Garden Railroad has certainly been an important addition to Train Mountain. For those rides we seem to be giving more and more frequently these days, there is now a great destination to go to and have a visit. It's about 25 minutes away and after the visit it's about 25 minutes back to Central Station. Very cool.

This is the time of the year when we start our annual nagging about getting your dues paid for next year. The dues we get from the members are a large part of Train Mountain's annual budget so to keep things going we need your help in getting your dues paid as early as possible. Being a paid member of Train Mountain gives you access to Train Mountain to run your train 24 hours a day, and about 345 days a year. During work weeks and train meets, your membership gets you a discount on that particular event and also a discount to any banquet that may be being held. Your membership also gets you a name badge with a year pin attached. It also gets you a monthly issue of The Mountain Gazette, the club's official club newsletter. Annually there is also a club roster and a calendar. On the grounds of Train Mountain there is also an RV area and a camping area that is available to the members on a first come first served basis. There are also a few limited accommodations located in the Central Station building that are available to members that come for a visit. All and all quite a lot of good stuff for your annual dues. Also remember that the current dues structure covers you and all of your family living in the same household. Pretty good value I think!

For the last couple of issues I have been pushing recruitment to swell our ranks. If we swell our ranks just 100 families most of the cash flow problems go away. That's less than 10 new families each month. That's 1/2 of a family or friend that you invite to join in the fun next year. That's right 1/2 a family per existing Train Mountain member. This is not rocket science folks, it's all about cash flow. Add 100 members and we are good to go! Recruit, recruit, recruit!

Train Mountain is saddened by the news of the passing of Train Mountain Life member and good friend Frank Steur on October the 8th. There will be a memorial service here at Train Mountain next spring.

Do you believe in all that numerology stuff? Check out that this is issue #110 in the 10th month of 2010. What does all that mean? Nothing of course, just kind of fun to look at.

This upcoming birthday folks are Sabra Rickman, Ross Perrin and Jerry Balf. Congrats!

Last item of business, if you are interested in helping with the Holiday Express event we need to hear from you immediately. Please call 541-783-3030 and let us know. We need at least 25 people to volunteer. We need to know right of way so that we know we can get the advertising etc., planned. It is a great event but without you folks it just can't happen!



TRAIN MOUNTAIN RAILROAD 2011 AND 2012 SCHEDULE

2011 WORK WEEK AND TRAIN MEET SCHEDULE

Polar Bear Train Meet

Friday, January 15—Monday, January 17, 2011
(Banquet is Potluck 6:00 Saturday Evening)

Narrow Gauge Work Week

Saturday, April 30—Thursday, May 5, 2011

Narrow Gauge Train Meet

Friday, May 6—Monday, May 8, 2011
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

May Work Week

Saturday, May 28—Thursday, June 2, 2011

May Train Meet

Friday, June 3—Sunday, June 5, 2011
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

Operations Set Up & Work Week

Saturday, June 25—Thursday, June 30, 2011

Operations Meet

Friday, July 1—Sunday, July 3, 2011

August Work Week

Saturday, August 6—Thursday, August 11, 2011

August Meet

Friday, August 12—Sunday, August 14, 2011
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

September Work Week

Saturday, September 3—Thursday, September 8, 2011

September Train Meet

Friday, Sept 9—Sunday, Sept 11, 2011
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

Fall Colors Train Meet

Friday, October 7—Sunday, October 9, 2011
(Banquet is Potluck 6:00 Saturday Evening)

2012 WORK WEEK AND TRAIN MEET SCHEDULE

Polar Bear Train Meet

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

September Work Week

Saturday, September 1—Thursday, Sept 6, 2012

September Train Meet

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

Fall Colors Train Meet

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

Photo Gallery, Fall Colors



These scenes captured by Rose Dobbs are beautiful but seeing these colors in real life is what the Fall Colors Meet is all about!



Just about every imaginable color is displayed by Mother Nature.



Even ol' Containerville gets the Mother Nature treatment.

Debra's plantings all around Central Station are just amazing. Everywhere you look there are flowers and shrubs and trees all showing off for us on each visit to Train Mountain.



Just a wonderful sight to see. It is a most wonderful end to another season at Train Mountain.



Oregon Shores II Lots for Sale
Owned by Train Mountain member, Dick Gemeinhardt

This well established subdivision is located on a bluff overlooking beautiful Agency Lake with its breathtaking backdrop of the Cascade Mountains, and is just a few miles from Train Mountain. Association fees were only \$200 for the year 2010, and include all your household water, road maintenance and access to the beautiful 17-acre Agency Lakeside park.

Lot 25 Deerpath: 29,842 SF (more than 2/3 acre!) \$17,464. Adjacent to this lot is

Lot 16 Woodland: 23,651 SF (another half an acre +!) \$16,784. Grassy, rolling building lots, with nice views of the Cascades. Bought separately, each is large enough to be able to have a horse! Buy them both for a total of 1.23 acres for lots of elbow room, and enough space for your site-built or manufactured home AND a shop!

Lot 47 Kerry: Huge Lot! 30,466 SF (7/10th of an acre!) of grassy, rolling topography with power at the lot. Nice views of the Cascades. \$15,847.

Lot 54 Rainbow: Wonderful level grassy home site with super Cascade Mountain and Agency Lake views. Great for site-built or manufactured homes. Power is about 300' away. \$11,876.

Call Dick Gemeinhardt 360-703-7063

HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SELL?

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1/2 Page: \$70/month or \$700/year

Full Page: \$125/month or \$1250/year



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