



The Mountain GAZETTE

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OK so what's a Maintenance Meet? That's what we just completed! Meet number Four for 2004 is in the books and will be remembered for the way the place is starting to look. It looks more like a park every meet. You know that look around the Six Acre area or that stretch of track just past Woodpecker on your way out to Elizabeth River Loop. Its where the dead limbs have been trimmed and cleaned on the trees up about 10 feet or so. Also the grounds surrounding these trees have been cleared and you get that terrific unobstructed view. This benefits the Park in so many ways (BTW I've started calling the place 'the Park', I think its very fitting, ED). The local firefighters refer to those dead branches as 'ladder' fuel. You get a little grass fire going and it hits a tree with ladder fuel attached and bang you've got a tree / forest fire going.. Trim away that fuel and all you have is a grass fire. Second benefit is the view of the area and the elimination of some of our 'blind' spots on the railroad. Lastly the trimming away of the dead branches promotes the growth of new plants and trees that can now get more sunshine for growing. Quentin figured out that a tree trimming crew in one day could create two days work for the hauling away crew. With several tree trimming crews in operation you can see the place was hopping! The side bene' is of course, when you're done for the day and go for a ride through the "park"!

With lots of volunteers appearing for this meet, there were crews everywhere doing lots of trimming, hauling, cleaning, and all sorts of jobs. September is usually our biggest meet (except for the Big One years) and this September was no exception. With 150 plus members and some 40 to 50 locomotives it was a lively meet. A quick review of the Who Did What list and you'll see what I mean. Lots of volunteers doing lots of jobs make a big difference.

Not all the work done was maintenance though, as many of the members worked on Containerville. Charlie Bill and Peggy Schubert did the prep work of raking out the rocks and debris on the new right of way for the switch ladder. With 20 containers and a couple of approach tracks that was a lot of raking! Helping on the prep work was Al Jones. Then the ground was ready for plastic and the Idaho Mafia got to work on the switches. The first 18 were installed and are awaiting further grounds preparation for completion. The drainage rock should arrive this week and it will then be covered over and track laying can continue. Each owner of their respective container is responsible for the trackwork from the ladder to their container. I'm busy building a cou-

ple of switches for my part of the trackwork and we should have some sample rollup doors very soon. Containerville will be another big improvement in the overall operation of Train Mountain.

As the old saying goes, you work hard you play hard! Seems you folks already know that saying, and are full fledged, card-carrying subscribers to that theory. The evening social events were packed every night, the ice cream social out at Steuer Siding was very well attended and I'd say overall everyone had a great time!

At the dinner on Saturday night, 9/11/04 we had our favorite town crier Al Witcombe, we had a musical serenade by Veronica Taylor, and Fred Vertel orchestrated a rousing rendition of America the Beautiful in memory of 9-11. In addition, Quentin added a new name to the illustrious list of names of past recipients of the Order of the Gator. This years honoree was our favorite staff dude and that is of course Richard Cox. Congrats buddy you have certainly earned that accolade.



Al and Fred discussing world politics under the new gateway into Central Station. The gateway was built by Al, Ron Young and Jerry Balf. Looks great and so does Al!

Quite an impressive line up of equipment at this meet. All kinds and sizes, sure was a neat sight to see!



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And now a word from Quentin and Sharon:

Once again we will have a Halloween Member's Run on Saturday, October 30. There will be no advance registrations, no registration fees, no meet name tags (but please wear your membership name badges) and the run is open to members and their personal guests only.

All day Saturday we will have a fire in the fire pit (complete with spits for roasting and grates for grilling) at the picnic grounds located east of the passenger car. There will be picnic tables nearby for those who want to do a barbecue for lunch.

Saturday evening, October 30, will be the Train Mountain Halloween party, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a costume party and you can come as anyone or anything you choose, and, if you wish, bring a decorated pumpkin for the annual pumpkin contest. Appetizers, wine and beer will be furnished; please bring a dish to share.

Wow, sounds like fun! ED. This is a 'must attend' event for us locals. It's one of those special events that we look forward to every year. The costumes are outrageous and fun. The Cox family really pitch in on the decorations and host and hostess Quentin and Sharon really know how to throw a party! The little kids and the big kids let their hair down for this event and I'm already getting hyped. BTW Tom Vertel is thinking of withdrawing from this year's Jack-O-Lantern contest as he feels "some one else should have a chance to win"! Now that, folks, sounds like an out and out challenge! OK now, get out your carving tools and start practicing, let's show him what we're made of! We hope you can come and have some great fun!

Congratulations are in order for Marie Weaver as she won the beautiful quilt that was raffled off. For more details please see the For The Ladies column. BTW way guys you have to share your copy of the Gazette with them so they can see what's going on!

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FROM THE MANAGER **The latest information**

Another train season has passed by and what a wonderful season it was. Lots of good times and some very good maintenance projects were completed. Let's not forget the

great railroading as well and all those great meals hosted by the Breens, Kincaids, Vertels, Over The Hill Live Steamers and the Woods. Not only the regular running, but the longest train and the 24-hour endurance runs too. Many times I heard that the track was in the best condition ever and with the extra moisture from Mother Nature we had more green and blooming plants to see and less fire danger to deal with. All in all, a great train season.

On a less happy note, we had many a sad day with the passing and illnesses of friends and a terrible traffic accident involving a couple of our Canadian members and friends, Art Rostek and Claude Jolivet, who I understand are recovering very well, and now the latest tragedy involving the Panziks, who were hit hard by Hurricane Ivan, having their house flooded and the loss of their vehicles and household furnishings. Steve works as an engineer for CSX who lost 6 miles of their railroad, so Steve may not have a job for some time. The Panziks own the collection of railroad antiques at Central Station and many other pieces around the property and they will be moving to the area after retirement. Those wishing to send cards etc. to the Panziks can find their mailing information in the membership roster or can contact us for it.

There's a lot of activity around here; with the cold weather approaching we have a lot of winterizing to do. All the irrigation and steaming bays have to be drained and blown out to keep them from freezing and anti-freeze has to be checked in all the vehicles, as well as many other things. The big item is cramming all the construction projects in; we are working on roads in the North Country preparing them for winter snow removal, and we also have fencing to be done up there. Hidden Valley Road is getting 2 new grade crossings to allow our neighbors to connect to the railroad. We also need to work on fence line roads and easements all around the property. By the way, the roadwork will give us a greater area for our mid-workweek picnics in the woods. As you can see, we have lots to do before winter sets in.

A brief personal note for you animal people out there: I always enjoy the things nature provides here at Train Mountain; one of those really special occurrences took place a couple weeks ago as I led a surveyor out to work at Elizabeth River. A herd of 8 or 9 deer ran along beside my gator all the way from Vertels to the end of Elizabeth River. What a sight! I have had many such encounters here, but every time it is quite a treat. I hope we have a good herd of deer and elk around this winter to watch.



OTH run day, and boy does the public love those steamers! Thanks to Dean and Tom and all the others that helped out this year! We hope you had as much as we did!

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Containerville is progressing well. As most of you involved are aware, the ladder is in thanks to the efforts if Charlie, Peg, Al Jones The Idaho Mafia and others that helped during work week. After the meet, Charlie and Peg ballasted the switches and part of the first panel in toward the containers. Richard has the drainage in front of the containers cut, pipe laid and is waiting for drain rock to arrive to fill the ditch, then the track can be laid up to the container. The power posts were secured to the first container and the power company has pulled in the power. Richard and Paul are also putting up the poles for outside lights and getting them ready for the electrician. We will be receiving the blocks for phase two soon which we will lay in and get ready for the next containers to arrive. Prices on containers are high right now so we will look for a better deal. The first roll up door should arrive in a week or so and we will test the installation process.

First comes the ground prep work that Charlie Bill and Peggy handled so well.



Then that layer of plastic ground cover to keep the weeds under control.



In comes the Idaho Mafia doing their trademark work, track laying! Joel makes sure they do it correctly.



Oops I may have spoken to soon, now lets see is that a left or a right, a 50 or 75, OK where's the saw!



We have had a donation of a string trimmer head from Bill Jarvis. Thank you Bill. Also a donation to the restoration fund for the Santa Maria Valley Railroad Caboose by Dennis and Marie Weaver. Thank you for your support.

We also have adoptions made by Dennis and Marie Weaver to work on the restoration of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad Caboose and Ed and Sara Ackerman to work on repainting the steam-operated firewater pump. These projects will begin next spring as the weather improves. Thank you for your time and effort.

A word about projects. I will try in the future to use the white board in Central Station to list jobs that require your efforts. This will help you determine what is needed and you can sign up on the board and go to work. Thanks for putting this suggestion into the Suggestion Box, Dennis. In the grand scheme of things, small maintenance related projects will be abundant. This type of project will require more materials and more time to set up than a track-laying project. Most of you are very self-motivated and self-sufficient and able to get started on work week projects on your own, but our new members that are not familiar with our system and facility need your help and mine to learn about us and what we do. Sounds like a mentor program doesn't it? Yes it is. Please take the time to welcome a new person and include them in your work group so they can be the mentors for the next ones coming along.

Talk to you soon

Ross

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What they accomplished! Meet 4, 2004

- Entrance Arch was built by Jerry Balf, Al Witcombe and Ron Young
- Jerry Balf, Charlie Schubert, Al Witcombe & others worked in backshop:
- Trolley repairs, building track gauges, adjusting coupler height on cars and a lot more
- Dale & Veronica Taylor worked on Crossing Signal & Gate Opener
- Lee Brooks & crew did the stub track extension at Steuer Siding, removed 2 switches by switch yard, & Dean Willoughby & Lee replaced switches in Grand Junction
- Hugo Meisser did the trolley route signs
- Toni Brooks, Jeanne Meisser, Sandy Ellis & Rosie Gochnour did gate decals & reflectors
- Bill Farmer & John Cooper worked on the Grand Junction signal and switch equipment
- John Ellis cut logs into rounds for fence
- Kevin McKinley, Larry DaBroi, Rhyce Moore & Gerald Kesselring trimmed trees
- Charlie & Peg Schubert, Al Jones & Idaho Mafia worked on the ladder for the containers
- Toni Brooks & Jeanne Meisser painted lines on the asphalt for Crisp Yard and handicapped parking spaces

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NEXT WORK WEEK
What do we do next!

Quentin has said that our ongoing schedule should be no surprise. It goes like this, the first year we have a Triennial, then the next year we recover, and then the next year we prepare, and finally we are ready for another Triennial. Sooooo, 2003 Triennial, 2004 we recover, 2005 we prepare, 2006 we party! Got it? Good!

Remember that next year is the prep year for the next Big One. There are tons of major projects to get finished and lots of major tuning to prepare the railroad for our next Triennial.

Possible May Work Week Projects
May 28th--June 5th, 2005

Relay Outside Mainline—Ellingson Bridge to South Portal—1,500 plus feet double track—work crew

Aspen Grove Loop - 5,200 plus feet—work crew

Meet	Work Week	Train Meet
First 2005	Sat May 28-Thurs June 2	Fri June 3- Sun June 5
Second 2005	Sat July 2-Thurs Jul 7	Fri July 8- Sun July 10
Third 2005	Sat, July 30-Thurs Aug 4	Fri Aug 5- Sun Aug 7
Fourth 2005	Sat, Sept 3-Thurs Sep 8	Fri Sept 9- Sun Sept 11
First 2006	Sat May 27-Thurs June 1	Fri June 2- Sun June 4
Triennial	Wed June 21-Sun June 25	Mon June 26- Sun July 2
Third 2006	Sat, July 29-Thurs Aug 3	Fri Aug 4- Sun Aug 6
Fourth 2006	Sat Sept 2-Thurs Sept 7	Fri Sept 8- Sun Sept 10

Anytime Projects

Main Yard Tune up - 2 people two weeks

Six Acre Siding and Yard - 2 people 1 week
 Six switches, one siding, four stubs.

North Portal Siding, Wye, and Yard - 4 people 1 week
 Seven switches, two sidings, one wye, and one stub.

Grade Crossings Upgrade - 2 to 4 people 2 days each
 Replace any wooden tie sections within two track sections of all grade crossings (this can be an ongoing project)

And of course there is the always popular, rake pine needles and pine cones fun and games!

You do know that you are welcome anytime to come to Train Mountain and volunteer to help, you don't have to wait for a meet, just come on up and check in with Ross to see what needs to be done.

FOR THE LADIES
Something for our other halves

Congratulations again to Marie Weaver for winning that beautiful quilt made by the local Chiloquilters group which was raffled off at the annual Chiloquin Community Center fundraiser held at Train Mountain on September 22.

If you are receiving this newsletter and know of some

other member's wife or significant other who is not receiving it, please do the following: first, make them a copy and give it to them; second, to let the suspected member know they are in violation of the Family Membership code of Train Mountain. We all share here!

Train Quilts need to be turned in to the sewing ladies for completion and for display. If you took some blocks home last summer to finish, please remember to bring them in or send them in. Also the Chiloquilters would like to hear from you for possible agenda items for the upcoming meets. If you would like to give a class or take a class, please let them know. They would also like to remind you that is not just for quilters, this is for crafters of all kinds or better yet, how about just some nice folks who want to socialize with some other nice folks while at Train Mountain.

WHAT WORKS
Ideas that seem to make a difference

I would like to take just a moment of your time to let you all know how much fun it is being your editor and living here in Chiloquin. The first time I came to Train Mountain I was struck by the way things get done around here. There was nobody shouting orders, there was nobody trying to force somebody to do something, there was just this great feeling of camaraderie in a great hobby, at a great place, and hosted by a great host (and now hostess). So thank you all for a most enjoyable summer, Linda and I look forward to a great winter and the great activities associated with the 'off season'. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, the first annual Polar Bear Meet January 14, 15, 16 (weather permitting of course) and any other occasion we can think of for having more fun at Train Mountain.

Just one of the fine models that were at this meet, nice job!



Al Witcombe out for a cruise in Tom Vertel's new toy.



The long awaited Mountain Car Dash 9 was on hand for this meet and after a few shakedown bugs, it ran like a top. Quite a looker eh! eh!



Meet 4, 2004 Photo Gallery



It doesn't matter how you get to the project, by gator or train, as long as the work gets done that's all that matters. Looks like these projects are under control and progressing nicely. Indoors or out, there is always something to do!



Somebody must have said free food or ice cream or break time or something. Look at the crowd that showed up at Steuer Siding. In case you are wondering what Les and I are arguing about, it was about ice cream, chocolate or vanilla!



Even going to dinner was fun. Here's the dinner train on its way to Tom and Fred's house. The ladies' day activities were well attended and the quality and workmanship these ladies displayed was most impressive.



Speaking of hard-working ladies, check out the new stripes in the parking area. They also did the reflective striping and Train Mountain decals on all the gates. Looks great and much safer too! Now this last picture is one of those Kodak Moments! Look at all the parts!

Thanks again for a great 2004 season!

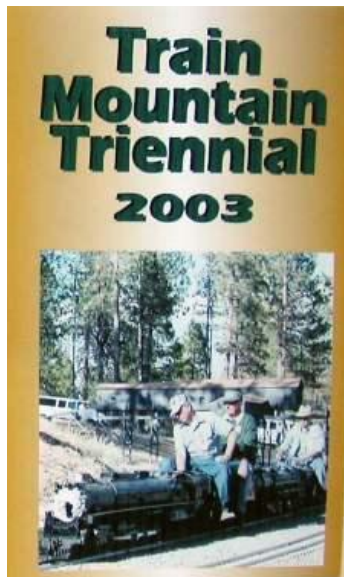
Meet 4, 2004 Attendees

Name	City	State
Meisser, Hugo & Jeanne	Sun City	AZ
Vanderspek, Carl	Burnaby	BC
Buckle, Bob	Saanichton	BC
Hanem, Owen	Saanichton	BC
Witcombe, Allan	Sidney	BC
Plumpton, Cliff	Victoria	BC
Vadeboncoeur, Stephen & Gina	Victoria	BC
Yardley, John	Victoria	BC
Eason, Steven	Alturas	CA
Reinhardt, Greg	Alturas	CA
Chase, Randy	Corona	CA
Willoughby, Dean	Corona	CA
Dent, Les	Dublin	CA
Stark, Dick	Dublin	CA
Shepherd, Bill & Mary	Fort Bragg	CA
Barter, John	Fullerton	CA
Lee, Kevin	Greenview	CA
Wilkerson, Ron	Hemet	CA
Presson, Michael	Jackson	CA
Towle, David	Los Gatos	CA
Pearson, Jack	Millbrae	CA
August, David G. & Geraldine	Monterey	CA
Willows, Pam	Mt. Shasta City	CA
Bardwell, Dave & Maureen	Napa	CA
Gray, Tim	Orland	CA
Taylor, Dale & Veronica	Oroville	CA
McCormick, John	Palm Desert	CA
Wozniak, Cory	Rancho Cordova	CA
Meinershagen, Charlie	Redding	CA
Bosbery, Dave & Donald	Redwood City	CA
Matherson, Jim	Redwood City	CA
Hanson, Todd	Roseville	CA
Gray, John	Ross	CA
McMillan, Bob	Round Mtn	CA
Floyd, Bill	Sacramento	CA
Floyd, Butch	Sacramento	CA
Bartel, Dick	San Bruno	CA
Petersen, Bob	Santa Rosa	CA
Eggers, Mike	Sebastopol	CA
Keitel, David	Sebastopol	CA
Farmer, Bill	Sierra Madre	CA
Luna, Jorge	Sierra Madre	CA
Hill, Tod	Stockton	CA
Fulton, Doug & Jean	Weimar	CA
Costigan, Tom & Jane	Littleton	CO
Brigden, Ron & Susan	Decatur	GA
Rasmussen, Dean	Hesper	IA
Dixon, Bob	Boise	ID
Gray, Greg	Boise	ID
Jones, Loretta	Boise	ID
Ledyard, Rich	Boise	ID
Ptacek, John	Boise	ID
Rehberg, Ed	Boise	ID
Slagg, Joel	Boise	ID
Flitton, Mark	Caldwell	ID
Armstrong, Jim	Nampa	ID
Bowlus, Chuck & Donna	Nampa	ID
Ellis, John & Sandy	Mishawaka	IN
Vollrath, Harold K.	Kansas City	MO
Wilms, Richard	Kansas City	MO
Koehler, Ronald, Helen & Jeff	Maryville	MO
Platzer, Bruno & Trudy	Las Vegas	NV
Johnson, Lyle & Patty	Bend	OR
Lavrich, Michael & Aeneas	Bend	OR
Balf, Jerry & Louise	Chiloquin	OR
Brechtel, Ron & Penny	Chiloquin	OR
Breen, Quentin & Sharon	Chiloquin	OR
Crisp, Art & Genevieve	Chiloquin	OR
Donckels, Bob	Chiloquin	OR
Hayes, Bob	Chiloquin	OR

Name	City	State
Newberry, Bert	Chiloquin	OR
Panzik, Crystal	Chiloquin	OR
Pirtle, Lee	Chiloquin	OR
Rickman, Jim & Sabra	Chiloquin	OR
Schubert, Charlie & Peg	Chiloquin	OR
Smith, Elvin & Maxine	Chiloquin	OR
Vertel, Tom & Fred	Chiloquin	OR
Wood, Russ & Linda	Chiloquin	OR
Young, Ron & Jones, Caroline	Chiloquin	OR
Gray, Ralph	Cottage Grove	OR
Wagner, Chris	Cottage Grove	OR
Jones, Al & Marty	Dexter	OR
Hill, Holly & Marie	Eugene	OR
Kesselring, Gerald	Eugene	OR
Ackerman, Ed & Sara	Hillsboro	OR
Clark, Dale	Klamath Falls	OR
Haas, James	Klamath Falls	OR
Murphy, Jim	Klamath Falls	OR
Kelso, John	Newberg	OR
Topham, David	Portland	OR
McKinley, Kevin	Redmond	OR
Anderson, Larry	Salem	OR
Wolf, Bob & Pat	Salem	OR
Steuer, Frank & Carolyn	Sherwood	OR
Scanlon, Joel	East Greenwich	RI
Violette, Ron	East Greenwich	RI
Blenkinsop, Joel & Bev	Kaysville	UT
Moore, Rhyce & Connie	Park City	UT
Gochmour, Ralph & Rosie	Salt Lake City	UT
McCulloh, Gordon	Salt Lake City	UT
Crane, Jerry & Maydell	Auburn	WA
Deffley, Don & Louise	Auburn	WA
Hoke, George	Bellevue	WA
May, John & Shirley	Bonney Lake	WA
Palmer, Ken & Alene	Centralia	WA
Brooks, Lee & Toni	Kennewick	WA
Butler, Boyd & Twila	Kennewick	WA
Jarvis, Bill	Kent	WA
Black, John	LaConner	WA
McInnes, Ian & Cheryl	Puyallup	WA
Weaver, Dennis & Marie	Retsil	WA
Knowles, Art	Seabeck	WA
Bartels, Joel	Seattle	WA
Peterson, Dick & Pat	Seattle	WA
Watne, Conrad	Seattle	WA
Wilkinson, Doug	Seattle	WA
Auburg, Doug	Vancouver	WA
Custer, Richard & Kyle	Vancouver	WA
Dixon, Marvin	Vancouver	WA
Taylor, Al	Vancouver	WA
Rees, Dick	Winlock	WA
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Of the more than 160 attendees, 1 AZ, 7 Canada, 42 CA, 2 CO, 2 GA, 1 IA, 13 ID, 2 IN, 4 MO, 1 NV, 49 OR, 2 RI, 7 UT, and 31 WA, there were 23 members from CHILOQUIN! Not bad, not bad at all! Thanks gang for all your help!

Time to think about Christmas gifts!

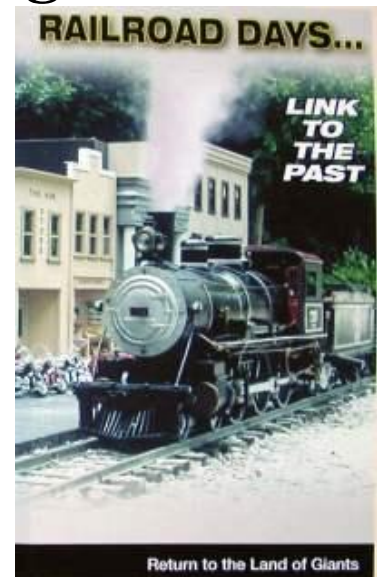


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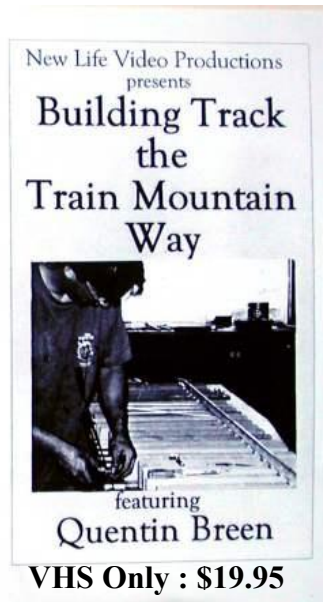
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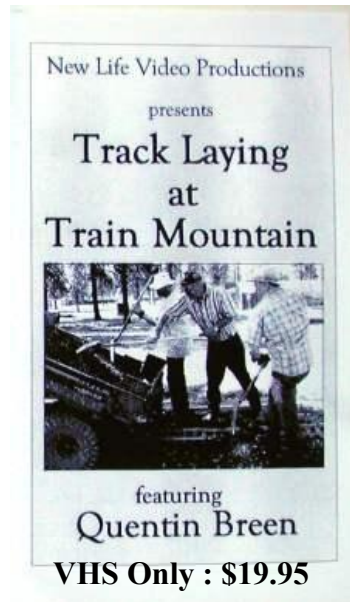
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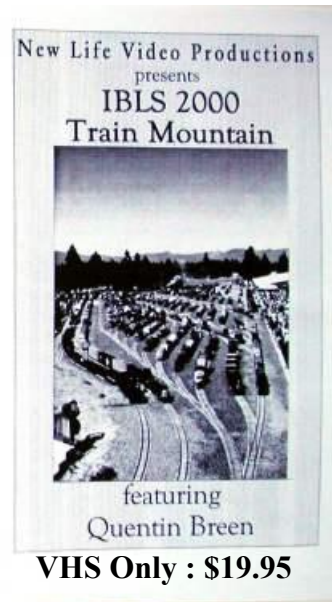
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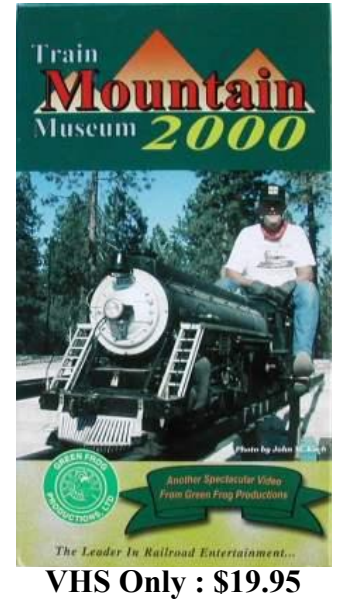
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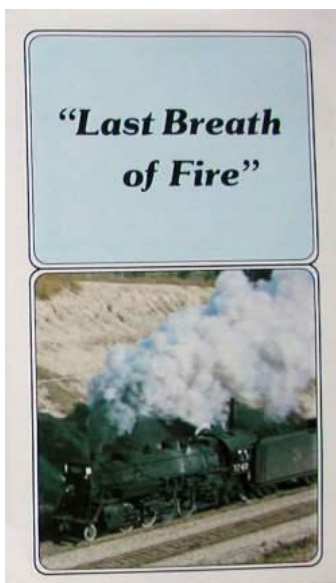
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