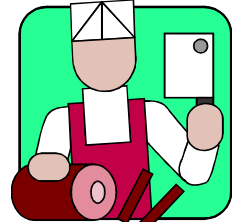




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Meet Counter
13 days
May 28th

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Gas Prices being what they are, I'm making the same suggestion as last year, make the first visit this year the first Meet 2005. The reason is simple you will be here for the Over The Hill Live Steamers Meet the 28th and 29th of May and for the Train Mountain Work Week and Meet May 28th thru June 2nd and June 3rd thru June 5th respectively. Check this month's schedule for dates, times and contact information.

Kitsap, Kitsap what a week. They managed to stop the snow long enough to come down and do their magic and then leave us with some more snow, how do they do that? Check out the wonderful report from our GM in this issue, Wow, what a week!

Thirteen Days! I can't believe the season is finally getting underway. Seems like eons since you folks were here and all the fun and frolic. We are all anxious to see ya' and catch up on all the latest gossip and see all the new equipment, and

We have a lot of information in this issue so let's not waste any more time with my stuff let's get on to more important stuff! Speaking of important stuff, read on!

A Note from Carol:

Recently I've received a number of "reject notices" for e-mail addresses for both *The Mountain Gazette* list and the Train Mountain distribution list, so please be sure to let us know when you change your e-mail address and, if your mail software requires it, add info@TrainMountain.org to your address book. If you've requested the internet version of *The Gazette* but have been receiving it by snail mail instead, it's most likely because e-mails sent to you have been rejected.

We are including the 2006 Train Mountain Triennial Registration Form with this issue, and the form has been uploaded at <http://www.TrainMountain.org/Triennial.aspx?Year=2006> as both a Microsoft Word™ document and as an Adobe Acrobat™ document. Either type of document may be printed and sent to Train Mountain by mail. The Word™ document may be filled out directly with Microsoft Word™ for those registrants who have access to Word, which is the preferred method of registration as it is far less prone to error. A filled-in Word document may be e-mailed as an attachment to me at Info@TrainMountain.org. Your payment can be mailed or credit card information can be called in to

541-783-3030 or faxed to 541-783-2013. We accept Visa or MasterCard; I will need the billing name and address, card number, expiration date and "ID number" (last three digits in the signature line on the back of the card). For security purposes, please do not send credit card information by e-mail. Paper registration forms and/or checks should be mailed to:

Train Mountain Railroad Museum
36941 S. Chiloquin Rd.
Chiloquin, OR 97624

Vendor Registration Forms will be available soon, so if you are interested or know of anyone that is interested in having a booth at the Triennial, please e-mail, call or fax me and I'll make sure they get a form. The Vendor Registration Form will also be available at the website and all of the information regarding the Triennial Registration Form will apply.

We look forward to seeing all of you at Train Mountain this summer!

Carol

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FROM THE MANAGER The latest information

Things sure get busy when the sun comes out! Not only does the Kitsap Krew show up but we get three new neighbors, all railroaders and new Oregon property owners. Welcome to all! We look forward to good things from our new neighbors. Not to mention we had an interesting

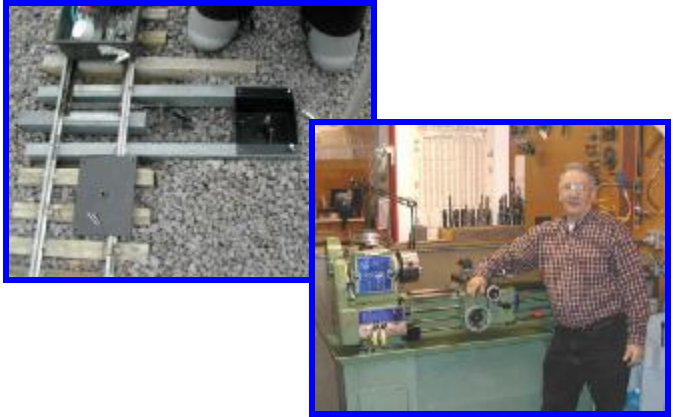
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weather month, good days and bad days and everything in-between. Three weeks to work week and we have rain saturated soil, so getting ground work ready for track does not look too promising. But don't despair; the pine needles are still ready to be raked up! If you don't believe me about a full range of weather, take a look at the pictures Carol has recently posted on the web site.

Yes, Kitsap week was great as always. Not too bad on the weather side and as always, so much was accomplished; the list is published in this edition so you can see what was done. These guys have been at this for some time now and know the system very well so they have assumed yearly tasks that they do automatically when they arrive. With the good individual talents and an attitude that promotes accomplishment, they always leave TM a better place. A couple of new guys again this year and I hope they enjoyed their time here and will return again soon. Dennis Weaver has and is always the assumed leader of the pack, the one that calls and plants ideas in my head way in advance and gets us into the spirit of things, (he is the thinker and the doer), Geoffrey Robinson doesn't always get to come on the Kitsap Week (he goes out fishing on this big yacht thing a lot), but he engineers and builds the switch machines and many other tasks as well. Richard Mairs is the down-to-earth guy that always figures out how to get from planning and engineering to operation with the least amount of resistance (that is longhand for he does the grunt work too). Thanks Richard and thanks to your wife for letting you come to see us. Dick Peterson and George Hayden tackle electrical stuff like trolley controls and battery checks including servicing and changing batteries and they were assisted by Jack Devlin, one of the new guys. Thanks guys (they even diagnosed the problem with our broken welder which saved us lots of dollars and time). And what can I say about Bob (you know Bob the Builder aka Jerry Crane), he is always hard at it and gets it done; he was assisted much of the time by Larry Harper, another one of the new folks (these guys took on the task of milling plastic lumber into usable ties for the new switch machines as one of their jobs). Then there is the adopted orphan Bill Shepherd (he spends a little too much time out in the woods) who is always doing survey stuff and also helped in the shop with switch machines and worked in the carpenter shop helping Ron out. Thanks to you all for a great job well done. I almost forgot, Glenn Peterson arrived toward the end of the week also and worked with Bill on the surveying. Glenn is responsible for the great website we have and was working on pictures and other website stuff that needed to be clarified, thanks Glenn. These guys even found time to work on their adopted track area.

I have a number of folks to thank this month; Eileen Sparks has donated a couple of railroad rulebooks to our library, thank you Eileen. From one of our best supporters, we received a donation of a Jet Lathe. Dennis Weaver showed up for the Kitsap Krew week and brought a lathe that is a great addition to our shop. We have needed a larger and heavier lathe for years and now it's here. Dennis tells me it was surplus in his shop (I don't understand surplus? I al-

ways thought you could never have enough tools!) and I am sure Marie (Dennis' wife) helped make the decision to bring it to Train Mountain. Thank you very much. Geoffrey Robinson of the Kitsap Krew also couldn't let this lathe donation be good enough and has donated 10 more of the wonderful switch machines he makes to the railroad. Thanks to you we have 10 more locations that are switchable without leaving your train. One of the Krew (George Hayden) also donated a case of shipping tape for use in packaging stuff.



I hope I have conveyed the proper thanks to those of you that chose to donate items to Train Mountain. Donations are a vital part of what makes it work here at Train Mountain, from a case of shipping tape that saved us many dollars and can be used for other things to the new lathe that will make our machine shop better and more useful. One of the things you never hear about us doing is research; one day Bert Newberry came to me with a box of books that had belonged to his dad. Bert was moving to Chiloquin at the time and donated these books to the library. Bert and Eileen's donations as well as others is how we have amassed a great railroad library which we often use for research and is available to you to use as well. No, it is not a lending library! The switch machines that Geoffrey Robinson and his crew of Dennis Weaver and Trevor Heath build at Geoff's shop in Washington began as a discussion and then a sample to put in to see how it would be received and has turned into a valuable part of the railroad now. The extent of engineering alone is quite interesting; stop and take a look at this machine and what it does. Three years of improvements to the original design has made this a top-of-the line switch machine. The monetary value of this machine eludes me, but I would guess that it is not a machine you would run out and buy too many of. I am sure there have been others working on the machines at Geoff's but I know of only the 3 key guys. Thank you for a great addition to the railroad. This next mention goes to Glenn Peterson for the donation of his very valuable time and expertise in building and doing the maintenance of our website, Thanks Glenn.

Art and Charlie are at it again. They have built 4 stub switches for us, replaced some insulated joints with a new design that will hopefully solve the problem of broken joints, and now they are working on the switches on the track coming from the Backshop. Peggy has been raking, raking and

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then more raking and as always, helping Carol in the office. Jerry has been test running the Trainmaster with great success. He is pleased and about ready to button it up. It is really a unique setup with safety and comfort in mind. Great job Jerry. Ron and Pat, with Caroline's guidance, are busy building a building for the Timberlake Railroad over at Vertel's site.

Our water situation has improved since we last spoke, and we are very happy to say we're all wet now. The snow pack is much improved as well, which will benefit the late in the year water supply needed for river release for fish and the marshes as well as farmers for irrigation. With a wet spring comes extreme growth of vegetation, which means lots of trimming and cleanup around the tracks, and on the downside we will see a lot of fuel for wildfires in the fall.

Our zone change mentioned in last month's issue has been approved so we will now fall under one land use zone, which is Forestry. This will not only streamline the paper work needed to operate TM but also help in future planning for the property. I am always asked how big TM is, for the purpose of my job with land in the contiguous Train Mountain Railroad Museum lands it is 2225.66 acres. WOW! The next step in the paperwork process is to obtain a new or additional Conditional Use Permit that will cover the property and give us the authority to add structures and activities for the railroad and for income-producing ventures. We have recently completed an inspection by the Environmental Health folks and have a few shortcomings to correct on the paperwork side of things and then we can make applications for licensing of the facility on a permanent basis. All in all, it is a good effort being supported by our county departments. I just need more pencils, and Carol needs more pencils too, without her efforts none of the paperwork would ever get finished. We have the approval and funds allocated by the Department of Agriculture for some forest improvement work that I have spoken about in the past, we are waiting for further inspection for cultural issues and mapping of priority areas before work will begin.

We are very close to our first international railroad connection to Canadian land. Carl Vanderspek (from Burnaby, British Columbia) is preparing to connect to our mainline from his shop next to Vertel's. It's getting exciting now! Canadian track and soon 3 new member connections will come off of Elizabeth River loop to private residences. I hope, since the Elizabeth River Loop area is the Idaho Mafia adopted track area, they don't try and tax the new connections!

Have you thought about Triennial 2006? If you have, great! If you haven't, please start. Anything you can think of that will improve the experience needs to come to our attention now so it can be used in planning for the next big one. I appreciate all your suggestions; it is always better knowing what you like instead of guessing what you like. Send me your ideas.

Talk to you soon

Ross

Ross Perrin, (General Manager)- tmrrgm@trainmountain.org

What they accomplished! 4/22/05

- Place Fire Tower (Fire Tower w/Smokey Bear built by Ron & Caroline placed at Dam #3)
- Place Water Towers (5 Water Towers placed at busiest water stops; water towers will house hoses for filling steam engines with water)
- Install Switch Stands (10 switch stands designed, manufactured and donated by Geoffrey Robinson, Dennis Weaver and Trevor Heath)
- Prepare 240' of plastic 2 x 4s for use on Switch Stand installations
- Install Lathe (Lathe donated by Dennis Weaver in stalled, wired and set up for operation)
- Adopted Track Area (Rake Pine needles, clean culverts, clean drainage areas, made necessary track repairs)
- Dogwalk Joint (repaired insulated track joint with new design built for strength)
- Gravel in Dump Car (Topped off ballast around gravel cars, cars hauled to adopted track area and topped off ballast in that area)
- Battery Checks (Checked water and serviced batteries to assure proper operation in electric trains)
- Trolley Control (Repaired throttle control on Trolley #13)
- Serviced throttle unit on yellow and orange speeders
- Repaired sound system on box cab
- Installed canopy on Trolley #10
- Installed throttle limiter plates on RMI controls
- Installed new FRS radio in Back Shop
- Installed new batteries, electric cutout switch in NY Central 144
- Diagnosed welder and removed bad diodes; awaiting parts for repair
- Repaired Maintenance Shop generator

ATTENDEES (in alphabetical order)

Jerry Crane, Jack Devlin, Larry Harper, George Hayden, Richard Mairs, Dick Peterson. Geoffrey Robinson, Dennis Weaver, and Glenn Peterson and Bill Shepherd (guest attendees)

On behalf of all the members thank you, thank you!



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NEXT WORK WEEK
What do we do next!

Triennial Is Comin', we have lot's to do before next year.. Please give us a hand at accomplishing these tasks. Also remember to plan enough time to have **fun** while you are here!

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 (depending on rail)

Anytime Projects

Siding Extension - 2 people one day
 Steuer siding, extend from 120 feet to 140 feet, install new switch.

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)

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
Polar 2006	2nd Annual Polar Bear Meet	Sat Jan 14- Sun Jan 15
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

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.

MEET SCHEDULE

The who, the what, and the where!

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat, May 28th	9:00 AM	Begin Work Week, which runs through Thursday, June 2nd at 4:00 PM
Sat, May 28th	9:00 AM	Begin OTH Meet, which runs through Sunday, May 29th at 4:00 PM
Sat, May 28th	6:00 PM	Begin OTH Dinner at the OTH Concession.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat, May 28th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers who arrive early for Work Week. Location Central Station. Hosted by Quentin and Sharon Breen. Note change from usual Saturday date.
Tue, May 31st	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers who have worked at least one day during the work week. Hosts Jim, Wendy, Sierra and Jed Kincaid— SEE SPECIAL NOTES.
Wed, June 1st	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers who have worked at least one day during the work week. Hosts Tom and Fred Vertel— SEE SPECIAL NOTES.
Thu, June 2nd	1:00 to 4:00 pm	Chiloquilters. Sewers will meet in Central Station, show and tell, beginners welcome— SEE SPECIAL NOTES.
Thu, June 2nd	6:00 PM	Karaoke Potluck Night. Location Central Station. Bring a dish to share. Karaoke equipment by Dale and Veronica Taylor
Fri, June 3rd	9:00 AM	First 2005 Train Mountain Train Meet begins, which runs through Sunday. Company Store open Friday and Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Fri, June 3rd	6:00 PM	Pizza and Beer celebration for all train meet attendees. Hosts Russ and Linda Wood— SEE SPECIAL NOTES BELOW.
Sat, June 4th	6:00 PM	Train Mountain Banquet, held at Central Station, tickets available from info@TrainMountain.org or 541-783-3030. See menu on page 5
Sun, June 5th	10:00 AM	OTH Public Run Day, Klamath and Western.
Sun, June 5th	4:00 PM	The First 2005 Meet ends.

SPECIAL NOTES FOR SOME SPECIAL EVENTS:

If you have not been a volunteer or an attendee at Train Mountain, here's an opportunity to come a day or two early, get to know the Train Mountain Experience firsthand, and finish with some great fun and the camaraderie of new friends.

Over The Hill Live Steamers Meet Banquet will not be held, instead you may purchase your dinner from the OTH concession stand from their regular menu.

The Kincaid dinner for all volunteers who work during the work week will be held at their home at **6:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, June 1.** Directions are available at the Train Mountain Main Office.

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Quilters of Chiloquin will hold a special Thursday Sewing Social at each of the Train Mountain work weeks. They will meet in the Central Station from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This is not just for quilters, this is for all kinds of sewing, needlework, crafts, etc.,. Whatever project you are working on, please bring it for show and tell.

Tom and Fred Vertel will be hosting a dinner for all Work Week volunteers who have spent **at least one full day** during the Work Week contributing to the Train Mountain effort. The dinner will be **6:00 Wednesday** evening. **All members are requested, if possible, to arrive at their house by TRAIN! If you do not wish to bring your train, you may ride the special trains that will be departing Central Station at 5:00 pm.** You can drive your vehicle to their house but parking is limited. **YOU MUST SIGN UP** at the Train Mountain Main Office located in the Central Station building as soon as you arrive, the **deadline for sign-ups is Tuesday at 5:00 pm—no exceptions.** Directions are available at the Office.

Russ and Linda Wood will be hosting their regular Pizza and Beer night. If you are going to be running at Train Mountain please keep your consumption directed towards the pizza and not the beer! The event is an ongoing event and is held at **6 p.m. Friday** evening during all **Train Meet** weekends. Their home is located a short but scenic three miles from Train Mountain. Bring nothing but your appetite. Directions are available at the Office.

Please Help the Hosts and Hostesses by signing up for those dinners you wish to attend. These nice folks need to know how many are coming! Sign up in the Central Station Office as soon as you arrive.

FOR THE LADIES Secret Project This Summer!

Linda has a secret project and she needs help from the ladies. When you come to any meet this summer, please bring two fat quarters of material, one light one dark. They do not have to be train fabric. The secret project will be made during the Thursday Ladies' sessions. In the past several ladies have expressed a desire to teach a class, please contact Linda at linda@hobby-tronics.com if you are interested. Also remember this is not just about quilting, it's show and tell for any crafts. Come and show us your handiwork.

OPERATION Support your local club!

May 28th and May 29th operation changes are as follows: Just like last year, Quentin has agreed to the following: on May 28th and 29th, the main Train Mountain track will be closed to Klamath and Western access so that the Over-The-Hill Live Steam club can have their meet solely on their track. Train Mountain members are invited to run on the Klamath and Western and help the Over-The-Hill gang celebrate their second meet. Keep in mind that the OTH folks are trying to hold a meet, they are open to the public both days and would love to have you come and run

your trains and show the public your handy work. To register for the OTH meet contact Russ Wood, P.O. 927, Chiloquin, OR 97624 or call me at 541-783-3879 or email at russ@hobby-tronics.com. Meet and membership forms are on the club website at www.hobby-tronics.com/OTH

TRAIN MOUNTAIN BANQUET First Meet Menu

Choice of Roasted Pork Loin or Chicken
Potatoes Au Gratin
Field of Green Salad
Steamed Vegetables
Fruit Crisp
Beverages

You are welcome to bring a beverage of your choice (such as wine or beer) for your group, if you wish.

Banquet fee is \$16 per person, providing reservations are made no later than May 20th. If you cannot mail in your registration form to arrive prior to that date, please call Carol at the office, 541-783-3030, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or send an email to info@TrainMountain.org. The fee will be \$21 per person after May 20th, and we will have a limited number of reservations available after that date.

