



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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**One Hundred** days and counting! That's right kiddes only 100 days until the first Work Week and Meet of 2006.

**I can't** begin to tell you how excited we all are about this season at Train Mountain. We've got three regular meets scheduled and of course the Big One, the 2006 Triennial. In addition we have all the 'extra' meets and events that make up our regular schedule at Train Mountain. Let's see, there was the Polar Bear Meet in January, and coming up later this year is the Kitsap Gathering, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Big Blast, the Operations Meet, the Halloween Party and the Backshop Christmas Party. Wow what a year this will be. But as I look back up and review this list of events I realize that I've left out one an important point. None of these 'events' mean a thing without you! Imagine the Triennial with only 8 or 10 trains in Main Yard! We need ya! You make the difference in Quentin and Sharon's dream of the ultimate live steam gathering spot. All the track in the world without trains and engineers to run on it means nothing!

**In this** issue I've included a couple of lists of locations to stay at while on your visit to Train Mountain. These are duplicate lists of the ones Carol maintains on the Train Mountain website but some of you are not on the web therefore I've repeated them here. Thanks to John Wheelock for making the phone calls to update the online information.

**If you** haven't registered yet for the Triennial remember the longer you wait the more money it will cost for registration.

**The Triennial** report this month will give you the latest developments and requests for Jerry Crane our fearless leader of the Big One. Please give him all the support you can.

**In the** last issue I included a picture of the flags now hanging in Central Station. Pop Wood made all the arrangements to gather those flags for display at Train Mountain. He still needs more so if you can supply a full size flag (as close to 3' x 5' as possible) from your

state or country please contact him at no1carver@comcast.net or you can reach him through the contact information listed below for the Gazette. I know there are several states he needs, but he is in charge so give him a holler.

We look forward to seeing all of you here sometime this year. If you can make the Triennial, great, if not then please try and make any of the other events scheduled for the year. Have a great season.

**Now here** are some words of wisdom from your not so wise editor: Remember that the 14<sup>th</sup> of February is a very special date. If you ever expect to get out of the house this summer – IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY – Ok you've been reminded and warned. If you end up in the dog house it's all your fault!

**Linda wants** to remind the ladies that are working on the special project for Central Station they can send in their items to Train Mountain attention Linda Wood or send them to the mailing information for the Gazette. You call also bring them to the first meet in 100 days. As usual this year the Chilquilters ladies will be hosting Ladies Day at Train Mountain on each Thursday of every Work Week. They will also be hosting a Quilt Show in Chilquin during the weekend of the Triennial. Lots of quilts, vendors, and speakers. Contact Linda for more information on the Quilt Show.

**Next is** one of those items we hope we never have to display here but it does happen, this is from good friend and Train Mountain member Spencer Noe:

Dear Live Steam friends on January 23, 2006, a white single axle trailer was stolen out of the back of my father's work. The trailer was approximately 15 feet long and had a separate sleeping compartment near the front of the trailer. Inside the trailer was a Roll Models Legend Series D&RGW Davenport Switcher #50, a red D&RGW flatcar (with sides), and a scale 24' long red flatcar. The locomotive and cars were 2.5" scale. Estimated value of the equipment and trailer is \$16,000. If anybody happens to find any one of these

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items for sale somewhere please let us know. We greatly appreciate it.  
Phone: (408) 718-4603  
email: SpencerNoe@aol.com  
sincerely, Spencer and Chris Noe  
San Jose, CA

You will find photos of the equipment that was stolen from Spencer and Chris Noe as follows:  
<http://www.TrainMountain.org/StolenEquipment.htm>  
Contact information for Spencer and Chris is also on that page. Thank you for your help on this one!

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## **FROM THE MANAGER**

### **The latest information**

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Happy Valentines Day!

We are enjoying (not) a wonderful white, snowy winter with excessive moisture and lots of ice; I am definitely ready for better weather. We have folks with new equipment chomping at the bit to test run it, but as of right now we could not even unload their equipment. Not very often we get this much snowy and rainy weather; I know we need the moisture, but enough is enough. I am guessing it will be a late start for outdoor work this spring. I am getting anxious to test out the vacuum/chipper that Chuck Partridge provided so we can see what it is capable of doing.

Ron and Jerry are hard at the snowplow manufacturing business out in the backshop, Art and Charlie have made up lots of track gauges, point sets and kick switch parts for the coming season. Peg has been busy helping Carol get rosters and pins ready for mailing. Caroline and Ron have finished up the first in a series of buildings for placement at sidings for fire equipment. These buildings will require a lot of re-saw work on cedar that is very hard on Ron's allergies, so I will need some volunteers that won't cut off their fingers in the saw to help get the wood prepared for

them. Richard has been busy with all the snow and regular maintenance stuff, but he has found time to construct a temporary structure that can be moved with the forklift and will be used as the Official Information Booth at events. This building is being built primarily from used materials that were recovered last year, thanks to your efforts dismantling and cleaning up things no longer needed. Also, Dale and Veronica Taylor are building another temporary structure to be used during big meets as a control tower near Central Station. This is being built at their home in Oroville, California, and will arrive in components to be assembled on site. Thanks guys!

As we move to become more self-sufficient, the buildings I mentioned above will be an important part of that process by eliminating the need to purchase tents and awnings every time we have a big event. They will also save time and materials by creating secure storage areas that will protect items used only once every few years, like for the Triennial, and also by recycling more of the items that would be tossed aside otherwise.

My latest wildlife story: many a time over the winter I get to take one of the dozers and plow snow off the road to Steiger Butte to give everyone access to the mountain and the electronic stuff up there. This trip is normally on roads but occasionally done cross-country to save time and avoid obstacles such as drifts and running water, which have occurred this season. As usual, I was whining that I had not seen much wildlife for a spell, when low and behold, on a trip to the Butte with the cat I scared up a small elk herd (8 or 9) and 2 larger herds of deer on the west end of Bill Farmer's place. This was great to see, but at the same time I had hoped to see more elk. Again, as if someone heard me wishing, Sarah came up to me and said "If you want to see some elk they are headed for South Chiloquin Road from the burn pit." So I headed for the truck and away I went. I definitely got my fix of elk viewing - coming over the hill from Hillcrest (the area with the SP Caboose on the south boundary of TM) toward the road was the biggest herd of elk I have ever seen! I counted thirty-seven head but there were more not in clear view before I had to move on so I wouldn't be a traffic statistic. I was overwhelmed by the majesty of those creatures, they are such impressive animals to watch. I hope you will get an opportunity to see them sometime.

Back to business, it sounds like the preparation for the Triennial is going along just fine, vendors are getting spaces reserved and people are reserving rooms already. I understand some local spots are full already during the Triennial time period. Check out Jerry Crane's article for updates.

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A little bit on safety again; I am sure you have heard or read about safety problems around the country and some of the problems resulting from accidents. I am glad these problems can be overcome and solutions implemented that are both practical and effective. In reading various newsletters and having conversations with other clubs, the solutions become obvious and I think to myself that this is common sense stuff. I know that when we come out to the railroad it is a vacation and vacations are to have fun and relieve the stress of our everyday lives, but we still need to bring common sense along with us. Many times I have heard ideas from folks on how to solve a safety issue and think that it would require only a minimal amount of extra effort for the maximum amount of fun! Our thinking has to be to maximize safety to further promote the fun. We never want to see someone hurt while riding trains, but it can happen and cannot always be prevented; if it can be prevented, we'd better make sure we did all we could to prevent an accident. I look forward to a lot of railroading in our future and we are the only ones that can keep it safe so we will have the opportunity to run trains, when and as we want.

Some of the safety items I have heard about are pretty simple to use like safety meetings, engineer and conductor training programs, equipment checks to assure mechanically safe equipment, and instruction to passengers. The tougher things are modifications to equipment such as safety chains/cables, maintaining the lowest possible center of gravity and preventing fire and burn hazards. We cannot expect the tracks to be perfect, too many gophers and burrowing critters for that, so you must make sure your equipment is in the best and safest condition possible.

Thank you to Sheri Beauchamp for this month's Mountain Tales. We still need to get your funny tales about Train Mountain; I would like to have plenty to keep Mountain Tales going throughout the year.

Talk to you soon:

Ross Perrin, (GM)- [tmrrgm@trainmountain.org](mailto:tmrrgm@trainmountain.org)

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**MOUNTAIN TALES: "To Zap or not to Zap?"  
Sheri "Texas Billie" Beauchamp**

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**Episode 1:**

Most evenings of the summer at Train Mountain, Hugo & Jeanne Meisser, Toni & Lee Brooks, and Texas Bob and Billie (aka Jim and Sheri Beauchamp) would sit around the "fireless" campground after dinner and discuss the day's events. All too often, we were joined by swarms of mosquitoes which would inevitably cause us to cut short our outdoor discussions. While at WalMart, Texas Bob and I saw an

electric bug zapper which was supposed to also work on mosquitoes. Excitedly, we bought it and brought it to that night's evening "discussion." Well, the zapper did tend to attract mosquitoes, but it attracted more than it could possibly kill. So, Lee Brooks brought out his "electric fly swatter" and started waving it around through the swarms of mosquitoes. As the swatter made contact with the mosquitoes, you would see a little spark as the insect met his/her doom. Well, Lee got so excited at making sparks, that he actually "sparked" his ear!!! We finally decided that the zapper attracted more mosquitoes than it killed but it sure made for an entertaining evening!!

**And Episode 2:**

At the end of the August 2005 work week, Texas Bob and I meandered down to the Back Shop. My eye caught sight of Dr. Larry's "Train/Bike." I had been wanting to take that train/bike for a ride, but was a little hesitant to do so. Ross Perrin, Russ Wood, Texas Bob and a few other guys were standing around encouraging me to take it for a spin. Initially they were offering all sorts of encouragement, but their encouragement turned to shouts of horror when I asked if I could pick up the train/bike and turn it around to ride home if I got tired.

*We're looking for your humorous memory of Train Mountain! Please send your submissions for The Mountain Tale to Train Mountain, 36941 South Chiloquin Road, Chiloquin, OR 97624 or email to [info@TrainMountain.org](mailto:info@TrainMountain.org).*

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**NEXT WORK WEEK (JUNE MEET 2006-100 DAYS)  
What do we do next!**

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**This will be the LAST work week before the 2006 Triennial work week!** We are now down to just one more work week, 100 days to that work week, until the 'Big One 2006' edition!. Take another look at this list and you can see that it can get done, but it's going to take your help! But please remember to plan enough time to have some **fun** while you are here!

Meet	Work Week	Train Meet
June 2006	Sat May 27-Thurs June 1	Fri June 2- Sun June 4
<b>Triennial</b>	<b>Wed June 21-Sun June 25</b>	<b>Mon June 26- Sun July 2</b>
August 2006	Sat, July 29-Thurs Aug 3	Fri Aug 4- Sun Aug 6
Sept 2006	Sat Sept 2-Thurs Sept 7	Fri Sept 8- Sun Sept 10
Operations	2nd Annual Operations Meet	Fri Oct 6- Mon Oct 9

**Possible May Work Week Projects**

**May 27th - June 1st, 2006**

**Main Line Tune up - Several Crews, all work week**

**Main Yard Tune up - 2 people (currently underway by Art and Charlie-Bill)**

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**Six Acre Siding - 2 people 1 week**

Lay track and ballast.

**Grade Crossings Upgrade - 2 to 4 people 2 days each**

Replace any wooden tie sections within two track sections of all grade crossings with steel rail on plastic ties (this is 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.*

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**TRIENNIAL VOLUNTEER REPORT**  
**Volunteers Needed - Please!**

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First things first, Chris Stieh has volunteered to be host at six acre campground again this next triennial, thank you Chris.

Last month we talked about all the different volunteer activities you can sign up for daily at the 8 a.m. meeting. Most of these activities require no action on your part before you get to Train Mountain, but one activity requires some upfront action. Here to talk about this activity is Larry Harper.

**Shuttle Van Volunteers**  
**(6-21-06 thru 7-02-06)**

We need 10 volunteers per day to operate 2 shuttle vans around Train Mountain. Vans will run continually between 8 am and 10 pm each day of the Meet. The number of volunteers will determine how many hours each driver will drive. Vans will make stops at Central Station, Blue Caboose and South Meadow campground.

Volunteer drivers must have a valid U.S. driver's license and be required to sign an authorization form to allow Train Mountain's Insurance Agent access to their driving records. The form will be provided when you contact me to volunteer and will be required prior to the meet. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

All those who wish to volunteer please contact Larry Harper at [lharpereinca@yahoo.com](mailto:lharpereinca@yahoo.com)

Thank you,

Larry Harper

We have added one more committee for the Triennial called Guys & Dolls. Sharon Breen will be the chairperson of this committee. The members of this committee will be putting out

dolls at the various buildings around the track and moving them indoors in the event of rain. If you would like to be a member of this committee, please contact Sharon at [Sharon@alwaysonnetwork.net](mailto:Sharon@alwaysonnetwork.net).

Thank you,

Jerry Crane—[jerald\\_maydell\\_crane@netzero.net](mailto:jerald_maydell_crane@netzero.net)



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## Motels/Hotels

Name	Location	Telephone
	<b>Chiloquin</b>	
Agency Lake Resort	37000 Modoc Point Rd	(541) 783-2489
Melita's Motel	39500 Hwy 97 North	(541) 783-2401
Rapids Motel	33551 Hwy 97 North	(541) 783-2271
Spring Creek Ranch Motel	47600 Hwy 97 North	(541) 783-2775
	<b>Ft. Klamath</b>	
Aspen Inn Motel	52250 Hwy 62	(541) 381-2321
Crater Lake Resort	50711 Hwy 62	(541) 381-2349
Crystalwood Lodge	38625 Westside Rd	(541) 381-2322
Fort Klamath Lodge	52851 Hwy 62	(541) 381-2234
Wilson's Cottage	57997 Hwy 62	(541) 381-2209
	<b>Rocky Point</b>	
Rocky Point Resort	28121 Rocky Point Rd	(541) 356-2287
	<b>Crater Lake</b>	
Crater Lake Lodge	Crater Lake	(541) 830-8700
Mazama Village Motor Inn	Crater Lake	(541) 830-8700
	<b>Klamath Falls</b>	
A-1 Budget Motel	3844 Hwy 97 North	(541) 884-8104
Best Western Klamath Inn	4061 South 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	(541) 882-1200
Best Western Olympic Inn	2627 South 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	(541) 882-9665
Cimarron Motor Inn	3060 South 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	(541) 882-4601
Econo Lodge	75 Main St.	(541) 884-7735
Golden West Motel	6402 South 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	(541) 882-1758
High Chaparral Motor Lodge	5440 Hwy 97 North	(541) 882-4675
Hill View Motel	5543 South 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	(541) 883-7771
Holiday Inn Express	2500 South 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	(541) 884-9999
LaVista Motor Lodge	3939 Hwy 97 North	(541) 882-8844
Majestic Inn & Suites	5543 South 8 <sup>th</sup> St.	(866) 488-0088
Maverick Motel	1220 Main St.	(800) 404-6690
Motel 6	5136 South 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	(541) 884-2110
Olympic Lodge	3006 Greensprings Dr.	(541) 883-8800
Oregon Motel 8	5225 Hwy 97 North	(541) 883-3431
Quality Inn Klamath Falls	100 Main St.	(541) 882-4666
Red Lion Inn & Coffee Garden	3612 South 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	(800) 733-5466
Rivers Inn	11 Main St.	(888) 755-9755
Running Y Ranch Lodge	5115 Running Y Rd.	(888) 850-0275
Shilo Inn	2500 Almond St.	(800) 222-2244
Super 8 Motel	3805 Hwy 97 North	(541) 884-8880
South Entrance Motel	9339 Hwy 97 South	(541) 883-1994
Thompson's Bed & Breakfast	1420 Wild Plum Ct.	(541) 882-7938
The Townhouse Motel	5323 South 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	(541) 882-0924
	<b>Beaver Marsh</b>	
Holiday Village Motel & RV	100220 Hwy 97 North	(541) 365-2394
	<b>Chemult</b>	
Chemult Motel	Hwy 97 North	(541) 365-2228
Crater Lake Motel & RV Park	109482 Hwy 97 North	(541) 365-2241
Dawson House Lodge	Hwy 97 North	(888) 281-8375
Featherbed Inn	108915 Hwy 97 North	(541) 365-2235
Whispering Pines Motel	Hwy 97 & 138 Junction	(541) 365-2259

## RVs/Camps

Name	Location	Telephone
	<b>Everywhere</b>	
Oregon State Parks & Recreation Dept	Everywhere	(800) 452-5687
	<b>Chiloquin</b>	
Agency Lake Resort	37000 Modoc Point Rd	(541) 783-2489
Melita's RV Park	39500 Hwy 97 North	(541) 783-2044
Potter's Trailer Park	11700 Sprague River Road	(541) 783-2253
Sportsman's River Retreat	32323 Modoc Point Road	(541) 783-3857
Walt's Cozy Camp	34800 Hwy 97 North	(541) 783-2537
	<b>Ft. Klamath</b>	
Crater Lake Resort-Cabins/RV	50711 Hwy 62	(541) 381-2349
Fort Klamath Lodge	52851 Hwy 62	(541) 381-2234
	Crater Lake	
Mazama Village Campground	Crater Lake	
Lost Creek Campground	Crater Lake	
	<b>Klamath Falls</b>	
Greensprings RV & Mobile Home Park	2055 Greensprings Drive	(541) 882-0823
KOA Klamath Falls	3435 Shasta Way	(541) 884-4644
Round Lake Mobile Home Park	4000 Round Lake Road	(541) 884-2520
Tingley Lake Estates	11800 Tingley Lane	(541) 882-8386
Wiseman's Mobile Park	6800 South 6th Street	(541) 884-4327
	<b>Rocky Point</b>	
Rocky Point Resort	28121 Rocky Point Rd	(541) 356-2287
	<b>Chemult</b>	
Holiday Village Motel & Trailer Park	100220 Hwy 97 North	(541) 365-2394

Elk tracks behind the back shop



Snow on the north side of the backshop



The Train Mountain ice skating rink Dam #1 to Dam #2

