



The Mountain GAZETTE

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I've been your editor for over five years and when I sat down to write this issue, I found I had the hardest job I've had to date! My job is to let you the members know what's going on at the Mountain. Usually that's a simple job of reporting what happened during the work week and the meet. When I started to think about this Triennial 2006 meet I realized that this meet was so much more than a work week and a meet. This meet started 19 years ago with a dream of our benefactor Quentin Breen. It started with a vision and a dream. What happened next was that he started selling his dream to the hobby. The dream was to build the worlds biggest model railroad. The only way that could ever happen is if he could convince enough modelers to join in his dream. This Triennial is not only a proof of his dream but of our dream too! This meet could not have happened without you, the members, nor could it have happened without Quentin and Sharon. What a meet! What a team!

After the 2003 Triennial Quentin and staff decided that there was a chance of volunteer burnout so the decision was made to shorten the work week and the number of days of the 2006 Triennial. Well, being the good volunteers that you are, you totally ignored the burnout theory and showed up several days early and stayed several days later. By Monday of the 'shortened' work week there was already over 60 of you hard at work. BTW the shortened work week started two days later on Wednesday!

The morning meetings were very well attended and the amount of work accomplished each day was staggering. It seems Jerry and crew had a committee for every possible item that needed help or assistance. I can't recall a single request for additional help that wasn't immediately responded to by a show of hands. You should all be very proud of the result. During one of these early meetings during the work week Quentin gave us a brief review of coming events. He also gave us some of the statistics. We were to expect some 300 plus engines / trains. He made this as a casual remark but think about it for a minute, we all know about the 14 miles of mainline and another 10 miles of spurs, yards,

and sidings, but Quentin had commented that all the trains had a reserved parking place! Imagine 300 trains and we could still move around the place, amazing!

Prior to the meet I had received a couple of emails from folks stating they were not coming because with all those people and trains there would be no way to enjoy a nice train ride. Well, sorry to disappoint those folks, but ask the guys who ran the passenger trains during the entire meet. They will tell you there were occasional delays but for the most part, it was business as usual. One of the hidden benefits of those real cool Kitsap switch stands is that they are placed at every alternate route. The passenger train operators are well seasoned Train Mountain folks who watch the road ahead and if some congestion is noted they simply cruise up to the next junction and take an alternate route. Bottom line, hundreds of people got train rides and most were amazed that they could go for a ride with lots and lots of trains running. I think the busiest days were Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of the Triennial. A rough guesstimate would be 70 plus trains running at the same time, that's seventy trains folks, WOW!

Pop and I spent a great deal of time in the Information booth located right in the middle of the whole complex. People came up to us time after time and commented on how friendly and helpful our club was. We reminded them that the club is the guests here and also the guests here are the club. People travel from all over the world to WORK and play at Train Mountain. They work very hard to have a place to play very hard. Most days the first trains were out at around 8 to 8:30 AM but we were still running at past midnight! During all this play the shuttle vans were running, registration was working, communication was working, trash was being picked up, the yards were being properly flagged, inspections were being processed, and the constant flow of loading and unloading was going on. The most consistent sign I saw of a great meet were lots and lots of smiles. I also noticed the size of the

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smile of the engineer was not tied to the size of the locomotive they were running. Big or small engines the engineers smiles were all the same!

Because of the huge size of the crowds the usual volunteer dinners held at members' homes could not be held but on several occasions campers held impromptu potluck dinners. Campers in South Meadow, Blue Caboose and Six Acre all did it and helped to generate that same sense of camaraderie that we see at the other smaller meets. But leave it to Tom and Fred to come up with a novel way to show how much they appreciate how much the member volunteers do! They held a luncheon for about 500 or so the members on Saturday of the Big Parade. There was a catch though, you had to come by train! So 500 plus members on trains rolled past Vertel Junction and were greeted by 35 or so volunteers passing out a hot lunch with a cold drink. Yes a hot lunch cooked on Tom and Fred's new Railroad Themed BBQ! What a great idea, what a great bunch of volunteers and what a BBQ Machine, what a beaut! Thanks Tom and Fred!

After a much needed day of rest at the end of the meet it was back to party central for the annual 4th of July bash. We were all still really tired after the Triennial but what a great show again this year, thanks to the bartenders, cooks, cleanup and setup crews and of course the shooters! Quite a show, really getting professional!

As a member of the Klamath and Western group I would also like to thank all of you for passing through our area during the two public run days. We had over thirty steamers come through and the public loved it (so did I).

Linda and I would like to thank all of you for supporting the Chilquilters. Linda had a very tough time at this Triennial. She was hosting a Quilt Show in Chiloquin at the same time as the main portions of the Triennial. She was missing all of the friends she has made over the past years. She was able to be at the meet on Thursday with the over 50 ladies on their special day and was pleased with the overwhelming response to do more special events. BTW they also showed off their winter project. See photo in Gallery section.

And now a note from Carol:

I want to extend my thank you to the ladies that assisted in the preparations for the Triennial, without whose help I would most certainly have been in trouble.

First, to Carolyn Steuer for her many hours preparing name badges and helping with the packet preparation as well as ongoing assistance in other areas. To Sheri "Texas Billie" Beauchamp for her assistance in the office, during and after the Triennial, and for her invaluable

assistance with registration at the gate. And to all of those ladies who helped with the packet assembly and in other areas: Mary Shepherd, Toni Brooks, Alma Weber, Mignonne Tinkham, Arlene Butler, Joyce Kludt, Marie Weaver and Pam Panzik. It was a bit busy, so if I've forgotten anyone, please accept my apologies and understand that your help was no less appreciated! And last, but certainly not least, my continuing appreciation of the help Peg Schubert provides by making daily trips to the post office and the assembling and preparing for mailing of the Gazette each and every month!

I also want to let all of you know that I will be retiring soon; my last day in the office at Train Mountain is scheduled for September 22. I will see many of you before that, I'm sure, but to those that I do not see it has been a pleasure to know you and work with you during the past nearly six years. We are looking for a replacement, so if you are interested or know of someone that might be, please see our ad in this issue.

Carol



Carol where she needs to be, leading the Parade!

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FROM THE MANAGER

The latest information

Another Triennial has come and gone, what a show! I don't think you have ever been able to see so many great railroaders and great equipment in one place. I hesitate to call it a show cause I think it is so much more than that, but it definitely was the greatest show on earth!

The people were the best and the volunteers were superior in everyway; what a great crew! Thank you to all those that worked so hard to put on a great event. And a great big thanks to those who stayed through the whole thing and helped put everything away and clean up. You make us look so good! As with any organization, there are the folks that talk about it and the folks that do it (all the work), we are so fortunate that most of our people are the folks that do it. I consider us to be very fortunate to be involved with such a great group of people.

There are so many memorable events, too many to even begin to talk about. It is hard to express the feeling I have toward this whole thing. Sure, it's nice to be thanked and see the pictures, but the best thing to me is the enjoyment derived by you as you run the rails, picnic in the campground or just go out on a siding somewhere, laugh and joke at beer-thirty or take in a potluck. Then there is a warm feeling I get when I see 2 or 3 or more generations of a family out running their engines and those without equipment smiling and going out for a ride or being allowed to operate someone's locomotive. When it comes to generous folks, you are the best, allowing someone to operate your loco is a gift that will be remembered by that person forever. And what about the great lunch and parade Saturday! Did you see that BBQ Grill? Thanks for all the great memories.

All in all, we had a very safe event with no train-related major injuries and very minor fire problems. I want to commend the steam engine folks on their diligence in keeping their equipment as safe as possible and protecting Train Mountain from fire. I was in contact with our fire chief as well as the Oregon Department Of Forestry, who is charged with fire protection on most of our property, during the event to enable me to make intelligent decisions as to closures for operations. For the most part, we were in good shape but the hot weather and wind made for high fire danger and required measures to be put in effect to protect property and people. Thank you for your support in these efforts.

The statistics will speak for themselves (Carol has been working hard compiling all the data to give us accurate statistics). I am still overwhelmed by the

number of engines, cars, tents and trailers. I hadn't thought much about train trailers before the meet (knowing that we have all this space on hand just makes parking seem like a easy thing) but, when I looked Friday and saw 101 trailers parked down below and more coming in, I was impressed. Then it dawned on me that with all the trains registered it takes a lot of trailers.

The planning and preparation for an event is a complicated and intense task. Even when volunteers are in charge, the work is still necessary and infrastructure must be in place. The folks that get us ready for you, the members, to attend or staff a meet have done a exemplary job to accommodate all your requests as well as completing the tasks needed for the events to be successful, not to mention the non-stop repairs and clean up during events. I have heard a few unflattering comments about the staff, and I am here to tell you in no uncertain terms that we are here out of desire for accomplishment, not just because we are paid! I always say 99% of the members are great and the 1% that aren't require most of our time, unfortunate but true. The TM Crew here is always doing 100% and more for you. Carol is the glue that keeps the place together, she has to field the calls and the constant stream of folks past her counter and it would be hard to say anything other than she is the best. Unfortunately, she will be leaving us soon and will be missed so much. Richard has always been the handy person that can fix anything and solve problems quite well not to mention the hours he puts in to accommodate everyone. Debra is the reason we have gardens and landscaping that make you and I proud when we come through the gate, which happens from dedication and long hours. Sarah has been the person that fills in wherever needed for a long time now. Whether it is working on trains, cleaning, gardening or office help she is a huge help in everyway. Sonya is our housekeeper and do-everything person, even when she has to shuffle between kids, school and TM she manages to keep up with all her jobs. I want to thank these folks for their dedication and hard work and remind them it is the 99% that appreciate them that count - the 1% just aren't important. Thanks for a great job!

One last note, THANKS to all those that have donated items. I didn't forget, I will address those in the next addition of the Gazette as they deserve recognition but I'll get shot if I run this article any longer.

Talk to you soon:

Ross Perrin, (GM)- tmrrgm@trainmountain.org

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TRIENNIAL REPORT

Thank You—Thank You! - Jerry Crane

The 2006 Triennial is now over and a great time was had by all. The event was a success because of all the hard work by a great group of volunteers. Several times during the run week attendees came up to me and expressed their gratitude to the wonderful group of people that were helping run the event. Let me say once again, thank you to everyone that volunteered their time.

There is one job that remains to be completed. I need to put together a list of lessons learned. We want to do better at the next triennial. We need to know where there were problems that can be fixed. If you have a suggestion or a complaint, please let me know. You can send your comments to me at jerald_maydell_crane@netzero.net or you can give them to me during the September meet.

Jerry Crane

NEXT WORK WEEK (AUGUST MEET 2006)

What do we do next!

The next work week is upon us. Lets keep up the good work and continue on. The 'Big One' is over but the work goes on. There is 24 miles of track, with 48 miles of weeds and stuff. Hundreds of switches and thousands of rail joints and . . . But please remember to plan enough time to have some fun while you are here!

Possible Third Work Week Projects

May 27th - June 1st, 2006

Six Acre Siding - 2 people 1 week

Lay track and ballast.

Spur Turnouts - Several people 1 week

Inspect and repair all turnouts leading to spur tracks in preparation for the 2006 Operations Meet.

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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August 5 Banquet Menu:

Your choice of Roasted Pork Loin or Chicken Alfredo Baked Potatoes, Tomato & Cucumber Salad, Green Beans, rolls, beverage and brownie with cream cheese and strawberries for dessert. You are welcome to bring a beverage of your choice for your group if you wish.

PHOTO GALLERY—TRIENNIAL

Ya' shouwda been der!



A few of the world travelers that came thousands of miles to work and play at the 2006 Triennial. Av a good day mates! We really enjoyed your company, eh!



Did I mention we also had some spectacular well-attended seminars in the Hall of Flags

Meet	Work Week	Train Meet
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 2006	2nd Annual Operations Meet No Work Week	Fri Oct 6- Mon Oct 9
Polar Bear 2007	No Work Week	Fri Jan 12- Mon Jan 15
Narrow Gauge	Sun April 22 -Thurs April 26	Fri April 27 Sun April 29
June 2007	Sat, May 26-Thurs May 31	Fri June 1- Sun June 3
July 2007	Sat, Jun 30-Thurs July 8	Fri July 6- Sun July 8
August 2007	Sat, July 28-Thurs Aug 2	Fri Aug 3- Sun Aug 5
September 2007	Sat, Sept 1-Thurs Sept 6	Fri Sept 7- Sun Sept 9
Operations 2007	3rd Annual Operations Meet No Work Week	Fri Oct 5- Mon Oct 8

AUGUST MEET of 2006 SCHEDULE—The who, the what and the where!

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat, July 29th	9:00 AM	Begin Work Week, which runs through Thursday, Aug 3rd at 4:00 PM
Sat, July 29th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers who arrive early for Work Week. Location
Sun, July 30th	10:00 AM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides
Mon, July 31st	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Hosts Tom and Fred Vertel- SEE NOTES.
Tue, Aug 1st	6:00 pm	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers who have worked at least one day during
Thu, Aug 3rd	1:00 to	Chiloquilters. Sewers / Crafters will meet in Central Station, show and tell, be-
Thu, Aug 3rd	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Host Bert Newberry- SEE NOTES.
Fri, Aug 4th	9:00 AM	Third 2006 Train Meet begins, which runs through Sunday. Company Store
Sat, Aug 5th	6:00 PM	Train Mountain Banquet, held at Central Station, tickets available from
Sun, Aug 5th	10:00 AM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides
Sun, Aug 6th	4:00 PM	August 2006 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.

Tom and Fred Vertel will be hosting a dinner for Work Week volunteers. The dinner will be **6:00 Monday** 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. Directions are available at the Office

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, Aug 1st.** Directions are available at the Train Mountain Main Office.

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.

Bert Newberry will be hosting a 'cook it yourself' hot dog/hamburger barbecue at his home, a very short drive from Train Mountain. Directions available at the office.

Russ and Linda Wood will be NOT be hosting their regular Pizza and Beer night. Personal schedule conflicts, sorry.

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.

TRIENNIAL TRIVIA

2006 Triennial (final count):

1228 Registrants

303 Trains, with a total length of 9202.5, average length 30.4'

Of these, 119 were steam powered, 121 were gasoline powered, 61 were battery powered and 2 were velocipedes.

2003 Triennial:

230 trains registered, total length of 5626.3', average length of 24.46'



If it was ever made to run on 7 1/2 inch track it was probably at the Triennial, an amazing collection of gorgeous models!



Let's see 4-4-0, 2-6-0, 4-8-4, 4-6-6-4, and



And about those 100 plus trailers that hauled all those wonderful models. Could be another record the worlds largest gathering of train haulers!



There was even a great gathering of narrow gauge steamers over on the Klamath and Western. Such a nice bunch of models and modelers, wonderful!



Just one of the many potluck dinners and gathering of friends, old and new!



Of course not everyone brought a steamer.



Even the younger kids had as much fun as the older kids! Looks like fun to me!



And another example of the quality of the models at the Triennial, ya' shoulda been der!

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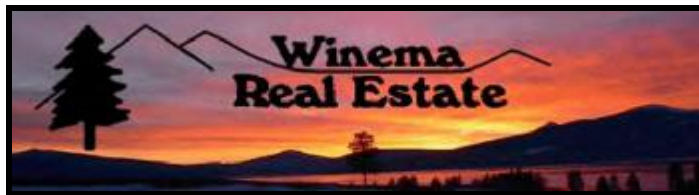



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