



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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**Train Mountain** members are from all around the globe and from many different countries and cultures. We all have our own celebrations and holidays but what we have in common is why we celebrate these occasions. This month marks the celebration of Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving in the U.S. From what ever country you come from your freedoms and privileges are the direct result of your historical past. These were paid for by your Veterans, please take time to honor them and to give thanks for their contributions. Also give thanks for those freedoms and privileges.

**It is also** time once again to give Quentin and Sharon our thanks for giving us such a wonderful place to come and work and play. Train Mountain is not just our place to go and run our trains, it's our place to go and meet old friends, make new friends, and to further the worlds perception of our hobby. Being the "Worlds Biggest" or the "Worlds Best" comes at a price. We can't just let it be, it must get better, it must improve, it must . . . . . Thanks to the Breens we have the opportunity, the place, and the guidance to make it happen. Thanks.

**Thanks also** need to be given to all of you the members. We are after all a volunteer group, headed by Quentin, guided by Ross and Richard, and driven by the desire to have the best experience we can have at Train Mountain. Thanks to all of you for giving of your time, your expertise, and of course your personalities. It's what makes Train Mountain, Train Mountain.

**The annual** rite known as the Halloween Party has come and gone. All I can do as your editor is to once again pass on, you really 'Should Have Been There!'. The place looked terrific, the food was wonderful and varied, the costumes were imaginative, the music was great, the karaoke was extraordinary as karaoke goes, and everybody had a great time as always. Thanks to the cooks, the decorating (and cleaning) crews, and Dale & Veronica for the tunes. I can't wait til' next year! Thanks TM.

**In this issue** and next we will include your 2007 mem-

bership form and a new release form. Registrations are due by January 1st 2007. We need them by then so we can prepare the Membership Roster and get it out to you in a timely fashion. The dues for the year are \$100. This year the fee includes all members living in your household. Membership includes the club newsletter called The Mountain Gazette, the roster, and if you are online, you get frequent emails regarding the happenings at Train Mountain. Your membership also gets you a discount on 2007 Train Meets and Banquets. A great deal as far as I'm concerned.

**In this era** of litigation and skyrocketing insurance costs Train Mountain is issuing a new release form that all adult members need to sign and return along with your 2007 dues. Quentin and his associates have spent a great deal of time and research on preparing this document. This was not a fun project but it was a necessary one. As I've preached many times in this forum, there is no substitute for safety and paying attention. However we still need to protect ourselves, our riders, and of course Train Mountain. Play safe, be safe.

**In this issue** Ross continues his "Wish List" and I'm adding one. Thanks to Joel's great Operations Meet documents and record keeping we have a list of existing and non-existing industries at Train Mountain. Look for my "Industry Wish List" in this issue. Need a winter project? Take a look!

**Several of our** Train Mountain Members attended the recent Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Fall Meet. Many of their members are also members here. The weather was terrific, the trains were plentiful, as was the food! We ran trains all day long and long into the night. Thanks folks for a great time.

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**FROM THE MANAGER**  
**The latest information**

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Finally we have gotten a little rain, just enough to make it possible for Richard and myself to get at some dirt work. It will take a lot more rain to get the ground compacted again. The grades at the end of Elizabeth River Loop and the new road intersection just beyond Aspen Grove Loop have a lot of fill dirt in them that must compact over the winter. Richard has scratched out the path for the Railroad Ridge track that comes off the Aspen Grove Loop and also off the end of Elizabeth River so we can get it filled and let it settle for a spell.

Art has been out recuperating from surgery on his hand so Peg has been helping Charlie out. She has been running track panel trains and switching cars out in the field not to mention helping lay track. Better watch out Charlie, Peg may put you out of work! Hurry back Art, Peg needs a break! Charlie tells me we are over 3107 feet now on Aspen Grove Loop. Ron and Caroline are hard at it as always, they are working on some custom buildings for Tom and Fred right now. John Wheelock has been trying to get some work done to no avail. BUT, he has a good excuse, he just obtained a new S-12 Baldwin and will add some of his cars and some paint to make up an OC&E consist reminiscent of the OC&E railroad in and around Klamath Falls.

The Halloween Party was great as always with super entertainment provided by Dale and Veronica Taylor. Thanks guys, they spent all day setting up sound equipment and decorations and did a great job with their karaoke and entertainment. We even discovered some new local talent doing karaoke. It was just too much fun! The day before the party all the local members that could make it came over and helped Sharon with the decorations and then enjoyed a cheap pizza lunch. Thanks to all.

We have another flag donation, this one is from Bill Dobbs from Pennsylvania and, of course, it is a Pennsylvania flag. Thank you Bill.

This is the time of year for membership renewal; you will see some changes – all good I think. The cost of membership is up, but it does cover your family as well (and will help pay for all those portable toilets). I think you will have to agree that our membership fees have been very low for a long time and with the rising cost of doing business the increase is very little.

Another change is the addition of a release or waiver form. We have talked about safety issues in the past and we have read the numerous articles about insurance and safety around the track, which has prompted most clubs to act on various measures to protect themselves. This action is very important and necessary to our continued success. As we continue to bring in new members and open our doors to future members, we are compelled to protect Train Mountain from unfortunate incidents that can harm folks. Our intent is to do this with the proper safety standards and diligent policing of ourselves and our equipment to minimize the possibility of a devastating lawsuit. Yes, I know we cannot protect ourselves completely, but we can certainly do our best to insure that we have done all we can to protect Train Mountain. Please remember when you read this release form that Quentin has spent many hours formulating it, with the advice of many folks and other research, and has provided a document that will benefit us all. Thank you in advance for your support in these issues.

So many holidays and so little time! As I write this, Veterans Day is upon us and I thought to myself that it is just not enough to have only one observed day to honor our soldiers. I for one think of the men and women that have, and are fighting to protect our freedoms, after all with out those freedoms we couldn't enjoy our great hobby and so much more. So many have given so much, thank you one and all. Any of you with family serving in the armed forces around the world please pass on my appreciation, thanks and wishes that they return home safely. And thank you to all who have served.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner; I know we all look forward to the holiday season and spending some time with our families. Be safe in your travels and have a great holiday. I hope our Canadian friends have had a great Thanksgiving as well, I always forget that their holiday is earlier than ours - it was October 9th.

Talk to you soon:  
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**Ross' Wish List:**

Here are some addition items for the wish list,

- Small tarps that can be used to gather yard debris and tied up for hauling to the burn pit.
- Fire Storm drill batteries for our drills. (12v the type with the neck and rounded front) aka: Master Mechanic powerpak TV293
- Saw batteries for the 18-volt Harbor Freight 5 Inch Saw.
- Hand pruners, for flower and shrub trimming.
- Ground Fault outlets for the steaming bays, charging areas and camping plugs.

**INDUSTRY WISH LIST**

**What we need to complete the scene**

What I'm going to do is plant the seed and let you folks come up with the designs and the finished scenes. When we run the Operations Meet, we place cars at all those wonderful switching spots out on the track. Areas like Youngstown or Colton look wonderful with cars spotted at those industries. Industries without cars look very barren and sparse. At the same time a spur or spotted car without an industry looks very barren and sparse as well. The answer is simple - we need more industries! Using documentation from Joel, here is the Wish List. You will notice that the list shows location, length of the spot in feet, capacity in 8 foot long cars, products shipped, and products received. Look at the products shipped and received for guidance in what types of cars haul those goods. The actual name of the industry is the name we gave it. If you build it call it what you want and we

will change it on the documentation. We also need more cattle pens, oil / propane racks, loading docks (side and end loading) and MOW buildings.

**SCHEDULE**

**What's coming up at The Mountain**

It's always fun looking back at all we've accomplished and how much fun we had doing it. BUT, I'm just as excited to look ahead at all the events we have scheduled. As I've said before how incredible it is that we have so many great events here. Most clubs have one or two and the only way this is possible is with your help. Thank you, thank you!

Meet	Work Week	Train Meet
Polar Bear 2007	No Work Week	Fri Jan 12- Mon Jan 15
Narrow Gauge	No Work Week	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 5	Fri July 6- Sun July 8
Operations 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
Fall Colors 2007	No Work Week	Fri Oct 5- Mon Oct 8

There is also a Backshop Christmas party coming up and other special events such as the Kitsap Krew Week next year. If you are planning a visit any time soon, please call ahead and find out what's happening during your visit.

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Track ID	Location	8' Length	Cars	Industry	Products Shipped	Products Received
233	Vitz Yard	34	4	Blue Caboose Campground		propane
263	K&W East	32	4	Klamath Scrap	scrap metal	
312	New Isom	30	3	Anagram Hog Farm	hogs	
341	Phillips	172	21	US Steel	sheet steel, steel pipe, rail	coal, scrap metal
343	Phillips	25	3	American Glass Recyclers	wine bottles	used bottles
352	Saanich	28	3	Saanich Intermodal Terminal	TOFC	TOFC
412	Cucamonga	65	8	Weldon Sausage, Inc.	pre-cooked sausage	cattle, hogs
471	Python	114	14	Python Winery	wine	wine bottles
472	Python	146	18	US Plastics	recycled plastic, PVC pipe, plastic tie stock	scrap plastic, vinyl chloride
502	Cottonmouth	168	21	TM Ballast Quarry	ballast	
512	Cobra	68	8	Jeld-Wen Corp.	doors	lumber, hardware, wood working machinery
592	Douglas	13	1	Douglas team track	electronic components	miscellaneous goods
603	Steuer	46	5	Steuer Fuel Co.		gasoline, diesel fuel
612	Vertel	33	4	Colton Limestone Quarry	limestone	dynamite
711	Fire Pit Yard	66	8	Fire Pit BBQ Co.		logs
731	Appendix	67	8	Chevron Oil Refinery	gasoline, diesel fuel	crude oil
842	Elizabeth	15	1	Elizabeth Fast Freight	TOFC	TOFC
936	Colton	33	4	Swift Meats	meat products	cattle, hogs
951	Firewood Corner	83	10	Chem-gro Fertilizer	bagged fertilizer	anhydrous ammonia
1010	Schubert-Charlie	50	6	CB Recycling	scrap metal	
1011	Schubert-Bill	60	7	CB Recycling	scrap plastic	
1012	Schubert-Peggy	70	8	Bach's Boxes	packing boxes	lumber, nails
1031	Debra's Corner	60	7	Cascade Wholesale Grocery		canned goods
Totals		1478	176			

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## FOR THE LADIES

### Special project report

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This is just a reminder to those ladies that agreed to do a "special 12 1/2 inch unfinished block" for the next "special projects". We need to have them turned into the group by the first 2007 Meet that starts May 26th. This is so we can put them all together, we only have the Thursday get-togethers to do the final assembly. Here is the list of ladies that agreed to participate: Isabel Watson, Barb Lanchester, Mort Ediger, Sandy Grossman-Morris, Marty Jones, Bev Rehberg, Thelma Bortz, Donna Springer, Sara Ackerman, Jan Younker, and Cammi Ellis. Linda has received one block already from Carol Barnes and it's beautiful. Thanks Carol. If anyone would like to participate in this wonderful project please call Linda Wood 541-783-3979 for all the particulars.



This is an example of the ladies last "Special Projects". I can't wait to see what they do next!

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## SPECIAL AND REGULAR PROJECTS

What we need to get done

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The fun projects at Train Mountain are always the "big ones". Projects like laying the track at Aspen Loop are an example. But we need to keep focused on the "big picture". The good news is we will have over 15 miles of mainline and the same in yards and sidings with the completion of the Aspen Loop. This requires us, the members, to get in and get it done. The sheer size of Train Mountain can be intimidating. The easiest way to approach the maintenance issue is to divide up the projects into smaller more manageable pieces. This has been partly done with the track adoption function but more folks are needed to volunteer to adopt an area. Another way we can get it done is to develop special teams that do some of the technical tasks, ie: switch point maintenance. We know this system works by the great examples already set by the Kitsap Krew, the Idaho Mafia, and the dynamic duo of Art and Charlie. Also look at the wonderful jobs done by the brush clearing crews, the building painting crews, and of course the many, many, hours of raking and hauling of pine needles and pine cones. All of this work makes the fun that much more special.

## GALLERY Halloween - 2006



Ross and Rene' always have great costumes and this year was no exception. Somebody said they were the new rock group AC/DC!



Lots of socializing with tons of good food and an amazing array of wonderful great deserts.



Even though he claims to be a warm weather only kinda guy, Pop Wood managed to make the party this year.



With the hoods down some of the guests looked pretty scary but with the hoods up they looked liked they were having fun too!

# GALLERY Halloween (cont.) - 2006



Pirates of the Chiloquin and the boy's later in the evening



They let me out in time for the party, along with some more of the 'locals'!



The hostesses and the movers and shakers.



The party is a great chance to relax and enjoy yourself and the great company, such fun!

# Aspen Grove Loop Progress



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Laying out the plastic



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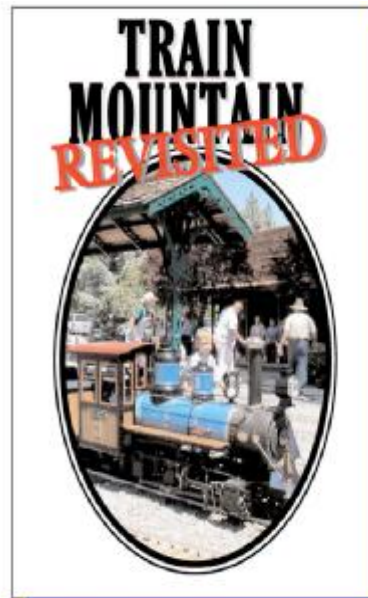
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New Membership Application for 2007

Existing Membership Renewal for 2007

I hereby apply for membership in Train Mountain Railroad Museum for the calendar year 2007, which membership includes a subscription to *The Mountain Gazette*, a copy of the Train Mountain calendar, a CD Rom with the annual *Train Mountain Membership Roster*, *Train Mountain Encyclopedia* and the *Train Mountain Photo Album* as well as invitations to, and Member's Rate for, registration at all train meets.

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I also apply for memberships on behalf of the following members of my family living at the above address, which memberships include the Member's Rate for registration at all train meets.

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4. \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renew      5. \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renew

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Yes  No  You may publish my address information in the *Membership Roster*.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Train Mountain Office Use Only:

Check #	Date	Badge/Pin Sent	Map/CD Sent	Megan's Law Check	Signed Releases
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# PARTICIPANT RELEASE

This release is executed in Klamath County, Oregon, this day by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name),  
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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_