



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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**The first** regular meet of 2007 is in the history books and another stellar meet it was. We had track maintenance crews out working the track, ballasting crews out working the new Aspen Grove Loop, grounds crews doing an excellent job of cleaning up the Mountain and above all we had lots of folks having another great week of fun in the sun!

**The track** work that Art Crisp, Charlie & Peg Schubert and John Wheelock did out on Aspen Grove Loop is now about half ballasted and looks terrific. This is going to be a great addition to the mainline run when completed. The Idaho Mafia and many others got the job done and used up the stockpiles of ballast we had. More is coming so we should be able to finish in July.

**The member** supported dinners were well attended and the friendships with old friends were rekindled. When you are working at Train Mountain during a work week you only see the few folks you are working with on your particular project. Having these socials really helps the feeling of good friends and good times at the Mountain.

**A perfect** example of good times was the Ladies Day this meet. The 'Special' project is coming along nicely and the ladies all seemed to be having a great time. See Linda's column for more details.

**The next** meet is the July meet and Wednesday is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. It will be a Pot Luck style BBQ at Six Acre campground. Bring your food, your beverages, and of course your appetites. If you are bringing fireworks make sure that they get put in the proper area for safe and sane use later in the day. The fireworks show is one of my favorite parties at Train Mountain and it gets better every year. Come and join in the fun.

**The July** meet should see the completion of the ballasting chores on the new Aspen Grove Loop. We should also see a continuation of the track tune-up that needs to be done every year. The Operation Meet in August requires that all of the sidings and spurs be operational as well, so lots to do and in order to get it done we only need one thing, we need you! Please come and give us a hand and come have some fun with the gang!

**I just** have to add in a special comment here to commend Debra Cox. If you had a chance to see the grounds during the Narrow Gauge Meet and to see it now you would

not believe that you were looking at the same piece of ground. What she does for Train Mountain is just magic. Everywhere you look is color, color, and more color! Lots of folks come to the Mountain and just marvel at the park like setting. Thank you Debra, for the unbelievable amount of work! To the many members who come here and help her with the ongoing weeding, raking, and general clean up, Thank you too, it all makes this place look so good.

**Remember to** fill out and sign the Train Mountain Release forms for you and all your guests before operating any equipment or taking a train ride during your Train Mountain visits.

**This just** in! Train Mountain will appear in a future edition of Live Steam magazine. We are told it will be a cover and an article! Pretty cool!

### Banquet Menu for the Second Meet 2007

Roasted Chicken, Roasted Tri-Tip, Spinach Salad, Corn on the Cob, Fresh Fruit, Homemade Oatmeal Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Punch. Feel free to bring your own selected beverages. BTW if you don't have your banquet tickets yet you'd better get a call into Cheryl and see if she has any left! 541-783-3030.

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## FROM THE MANAGER

### The latest information

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Time is flying by and summer is upon us. We have had our first Group Tour and Birthday Party and they were great successes. Thanks to the planning by Bev and Cheryl we have been able to increase our income with the Group Tour Project and have a great start. Many more groups are already scheduled for the summer months. One of the main reasons for the success of the tours has been the great support from our members acting as engineers and providing rides using their trains, supplemented with some of Train Mountain's equipment. Thanks to those that have been doing this task with great enthusiasm.

The first meet of the summer is now past and was so much fun, lots of jobs were knocked out and the first phase of ballasting Aspen Grove Loop is done. Ballast rock has been spread on almost half of the loop and it is looking great. The meet brought lots of friends and many new comers together for a great time. The Winery was installed, track was repaired, raking and weeding was done, a lot of cleanup around the grounds was accomplished, many of the shop projects were completed and lots of train operation. The banquet was great as well as was all the volunteer dinners. Some new equipment was on hand being tested and some was ready to go; Al Jones has his Plum Cove unit up and running, my favorite Turlock folks had new cars being lettered and finished all weekend and they even found time to run trains, Steve and Pam Panzik were running long trains trying out some of their new stock. Dennis Ward had hoped to have his new engine up and running, but unfortunately it wasn't quite ready and didn't get here till Monday after the meet, but he is grinning now. I know there is more but I can only count so high!

As always, the banquet is a time for thanking all you for the work and accomplishments you have made and you all deserve it very much. I received some of the thanks as well and appreciate it very much. I do want to point out though that without the great staff of Richard and Debra doing just about everything outside and some inside, Cheryl in the office and Bev working on housekeeping and running the store I wouldn't look very good at all. So thank you for the praise and thank you very much to my staff that make it work.

Fire Season is here, as of the first of June, we moved directly into a moderate fire level with fire watch requirements for industrial operations. As always, spark arrestors on solid fuel engines are a must and your watchful eyes are needed to report and take care of any fire issues that come up. The new Fire Equipment Sheds that Ron and Caroline have built will house our water fire extinguishers and some locations will have pails of sand/dirt to use to smother fires if needed. I am sure that almost everyone has a fire extinguisher on his or her train, be sure and check it for serviceability.

A little information on some great donations: Thanks to the generosity of Joel Slagg, Larry Debroi, Larry Harper and Carl Vanderspek we have paid for all the ballast on Aspen Grove Loop and it is being delivered on site as we speak. Hopefully we will finish the ballasting in July. More good news, our grounds are suffering due to a broken pump in Well # 1 and I almost have enough donations to repair it thanks to, Joel Slagg, Richard Ledyard, Mark Flitton and Lee and Toni Brooks. On with even more good news, we have received some wonderful donations towards the bridge project I will talk more about them in future editions. Thank you so much to all your support.

Yes, I said Bridge Project, I have dug out the files and talked to a bridge contractor and I am working on a packet to give the county to look over. How will we do this? I think that the support of our members will do it. Having talked to some of you I think we can make it work. Back in 2001 I went so far as to get estimates and planning to the point of construction, one of our members that helped out immensely was Pete Pedigo of Indiana so look out Pete I'll be picking your brain some more. So here we go, let's build a bridge!

Art and Charlie have replaced the powered switch machines with new ones they built and have been tested for the past year and survived, John Cooper has connected them and they are performing very well. Frank and Carolyn Steuer have been keeping Blue Caboose Campground in shape and hauling pinecones and needles to the point of overflowing the burn pit. John Wheelock has been helping with individual tours and rides for folks dropping in. Steve Panzik has been busy in the shop on various projects and Pam Panzik has been working in the office helping us keep up and maybe even get ahead. Jerry and Louise Balf are back and Jerry has been helping Richard and me out on a big project in Chiloquin and also working out in the shop some. Lee Brooks has been helping on roadwork and helping Jerry as well and Toni Brooks has been working around the property helping clean up the grounds. Larry Debroi is finishing up working on the winery at the former Python Siding, which has been renamed DaBroi Siding. Helpers with the Group Tours have been abundant, Russ Wood has worked with me on the walking tours, Lee Pirtle has been giving rides and as always a great PR guy. Steve and Pam bring out the big trains and give the folks a delight seeing all those cars and engines. A new engineer that has learned the ropes and is becoming a valuable asset is Woody Hensley, our own Cheryl's husband. You might even hear a railroading tune and song as you wonder around and when you find it there will be Woody, what a great voice he has. Thanks everyone for all your help.

As you are strolling around the grounds you may notice a few ragged edges but not very many of them. Debra has been working long hard hours to get the gardens and grounds into shape and she is doing it without the two helpers she had last year. I know you would agree she is

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doing a great job and would be willing to show our appreciation with a big THANK YOU. This meet has brought Debra a lot of help with weeding, raking, and even hauling off the stuff, thank you to all who have helped.

Talk to you soon:

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## FOR THE LADIES Special Project Status! - Linda Wood

At the last meet the ladies laid out the 'special' project and think they have a real good start. There are still several outstanding blocks that 'must' be here soon! Remember the goal is to have the 'special' project DONE at the September meet. Also remember that there will be a Quilt Show during the July Meet, July 7th and 8th. For more information on the project or the Quilt Show please call Linda at 541-783-3879.

## SPECIAL AWARD PRESENTATION Royal Order of the Porta-Potty

During the banquet on Saturday night a very special award was given to Richard Cox. It was the first Royal Order of the Porta Potty. Richard earned this award by attempting to relocate the porta potty from Steuer Siding to Aspen Grove Loop. He picked up the porta potty with the tractor and headed out to Aspen Grove Loop. Along the way he also picked up the remote switch stand, the connecting pipes, the switch points and in fact the whole switch! It is hoped by all concerned that this will be the only time we give this award! Congratulations Richard (I think)!



## SECOND MEET of 2007 SCHEDULE The who, the what and the where!

**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, July 3rd**. Directions are available at the Train Mountain Main Office.

**The Chiloquilters** 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 **6:00 p.m. Thursday** at his home, a very short drive from Train Mountain. Directions 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.**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat, June 30th	9:00 AM	Begin Work Week, which runs through Thursday, July 5th at 4:30 PM
Sat, June 30th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers who arrive early for Work Week. Location Central Station. Hosted by Quentin and Sharon Breen.
Sun, July 1st	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides Beanery Open
Tue, July 3rd	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— <b>SEE NOTES</b> .
<b>Wed, July 4th</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>Fourth of July Celebration. Pot Luck Style lot's of fun!</b>
Thu, July 5th	1:00 to 4:00 pm	Chiloquilters. Sewers / Crafters will meet in Central Station, show and tell, beginners welcome— <b>SEE NOTES</b> .
Thu, July 5th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Host Bert Newberry— <b>SEE NOTES</b> .
Fri, July 6th	9:00 AM	July 2007 Train Mountain Train Meet begins, which runs through Sunday. Company Store open Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Fri, July 6th	6:00 PM	Pizza and Beer celebration for all train meet attendees. Hosts Russ and Linda Wood— <b>SEE NOTES</b> .
Sat, July 7th	6:00 PM	Train Mountain Banquet, held at Central Station, tickets available online at <a href="http://www.TrainMountain.org">www.TrainMountain.org</a> or 541-783-3030. See menu on page 1
Sun, July 8th	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides Beanery Open
Sun, July 8th	4:00 PM	The July 2007 Meet ends.



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## NEW SWITCH MACHINES

The care and feeding of the new machines!



Art Crisp has designed a very clever feature for the new switch machines now in use at Train Mountain. It is an **override**. This **override** allows you to override the current setting of the switch machine. Move the lever shown to the desired position and then turn the bolt to set the switch in that position. Once clear, simply undo the bolt to return the machine to the correct position. Very cool! Thanks Art!

Meet	Work Week	Train Meet
July 2007	Sat, Jun 30-Thurs July 5	Fri, July 6- Sun, July 8
Operations 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
Fall Colors 2007	No Work Week	Fri, Oct 5- Mon, Oct 8



## June Meet Attendees

Last	First	City	St
Ackerman	Ed, Sara, Michael	Hillsboro	OR
Balf	Jerry, Louise	Chiloquin	OR
Bell	Robert F.	Portola Valley	CA
Barnes	Charles	Modesto	CA
Brand	Bob	Jackson	TN
Braun	Lutz	Franklin	TN
Briggs	Gordon, Marlene	Nevada City	CA
Brooks	Lee, Toni	Chiloquin	OR
Buell	Nick	Kent	WA
Butler	Boyd, Twila, Will Wagner	Kennewick	WA
Crane	Jerry	Auburn	WA
Custer	Richard	Vancouver	WA
Dabroi	Larry	Mt. Shasta	CA
Dwyer	Bill	Alameda	CA
Dyche	Mel	Turlock	CA
Eaton	Bruce	Shingletown	CA
Ediger	Dennis	Camas	WA
Flitton	Mark	Caldwell	ID
Gardiner	Scott	Camas	WA
Garrison	David, JoAnn	Wheatland	CA
Gildersleeve	Phil, Connie, Sean, Heath Lichty, Rachel Timmerman	O'Neill	NE
Gochmour	Ralph, Rosie	Salt Lake City	UT
Hawley	Eric, Roz	Saratoga	NY
Hinz	Harvey, Erma	McCook	NE
Jones	Al	Dexter	OR
Kaasa	Duane, Pat	Leavenworth	WA
Lanctot	Carol, Pat	Chiloquin	OR
Ledyard	Richard	Boise	ID
Lee	Kevin	Greenview	CA
Meinershagen	Charlie	Redding	CA
Middleton	Greg, David	Aloha	OR
Monson	Matt, Paula, Emily	Turlock	CA
Mulder	Mike, Wendy	Turlock	CA
Munson	Eric, Harley Inman Paul Landgren	Eugene	OR
Newberry	Bert	Chiloquin	OR
Panzik	Steve, Pam	Chiloquin	OR
Peterson	Greg, David, James & David (friend)	Eugene	OR
Pirtle	Lee	Chiloquin	OR
Roman	William	Portola Valley	CA
Rude	Rodger, Carol LaBerge	Mt. Vernon	WA
Shepherd	Bill	Fort Bragg	CA
Slagg	Joel	Boise	ID
Stanfield	Ken, Pat	Battle Ground	WA
Steuer	Frank, Carolyn	Lebanon	OR
Stowell	Scott, Keith	Clinton	UT
Thompson	Dennis	Battle Ground	WA
Towle	David	Los Gatos	CA
Veltman	Tom, Heidi, Rebecca	Springfield	OR
Watne	Conrad	Seattle	WA
Ward	Dennis, Barbara, Dana, Alex Wendt, Cindy Wendt, Nicole Centers	Springfield	OR
Wheelock	John	Chiloquin	OR
Witt	Brian, Will Burgess	Reno	NV
Wood	Russ, Linda, Alexis	Chiloquin	OR
Wood	Robert, "pop"	Pleasanton	CA
Young	Ron & Caroline Jones	Chiloquin	OR
Zimmerman	Charles	Lucerne Valley	CA

Thanks to all the attendees at the June Meet for all of your hard work and great fellowship. We hope your next visit will be soon and we look forward to it! Happy Fourth! Enjoy your independence!



# Photo Gallery

Working out in the woods on the new Aspen Grove Loop. The swampy nature of the area is why the Aspens are so big out there!



Of course if you work hard, you need to play hard, and the train running was fun and there was lots of it!

To do the ballasting takes lots of workers and of course the ever present gators!



With more and more freight cars available there were some really long freight trains which really added to the fun!

And, of course, the results are just terrific. Well done gang! Doesn't that just look terrific. I can't wait to run on that new track!



There was even a couple of passenger trains for folks to get as tour of the Mountain.

Of course we do use ballast rock for other purposes sand that includes footings for the new winery!



Quentin even found time to enjoy the meet and got in a lot of train running.

More detailing and finish work on the pump by the front gate. It looks like it's brand new and should be in a catalog!



It's hard to see from this small picture, but Quentin was really having a good time running his long train and seeing all the other trains.

# Photo Gallery (cont.)

The new winery has been permanently set and it looks terrific. I wonder if the tasting room is open yet!



Everywhere you looked you could see folks having a good time running their trains. Great Fun!

What a great place to bring a brand new steamer for its maiden voyage. It steamed as good as it looked!



Big trains, small trains, steamers, diesels, it just doesn't matter at Train Mountain, come and have some fun in the sun!

Lots of activity on the Ellingson Turntable with several steamers quartered there.



Of course not all of the fun is in the outdoors. We always have some fun indoors as well. Now what do you think she is drinking?

Early mornings were the best as the air was cool and clear.



The banquets are always a good meal with good friends and lots of train stories!

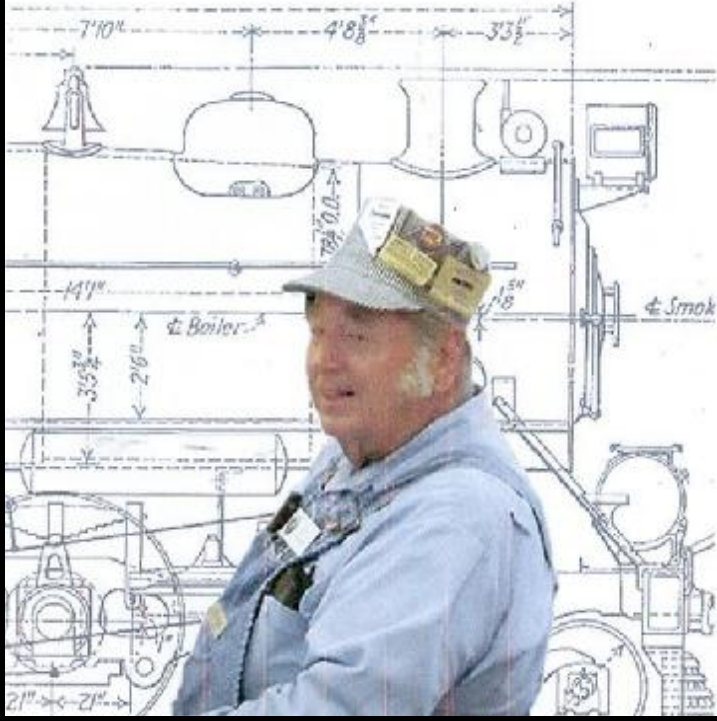
There was even some activity in Crisp Yard as well. Lots of trains and good friends!



Of course not all of the utility vehicles at Train Mountain are Gators, witness the new Pop-Kart!

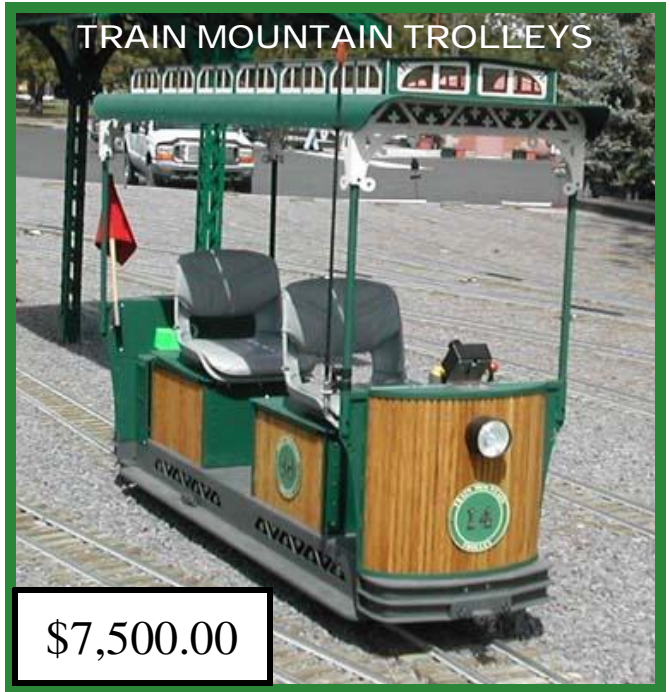
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