

The Mountain GAZETTE

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Happy Holidays! It's always fun this time of year in the hobby of model trains as all of the publications show all those great Christmas layouts with all the lights and bright shining faces. Well, The Mountain Gazette is another of those model railroad related publications that loves to show off it's Christmas layout. This issue we will show the train crews switching out the new track panels from the Track Shop. The bright shiny faces are all covered up to protect from the cold and trying to put lights on several hundred trees was just too much! So, what you see is what you get, a wonderful place to run trains, with the added attraction of a little bit of snow.

The new year is quickly approaching and we all need to get our dues into the main office. There are membership forms attached to this issue and also available on line. Remember the dues for Participating Members is \$100 for the entire year and include all members of your family living in the same house. Pretty good deal!

There are also some new membership categories. One is for those who live a long ways away and just want to "subscribe to the newsletter" and receive the calendar and CD/DVD. There are also additional categories for those who want to increase their level of support. For full details see the reverse side of the Membership Application Form.

Also attached to this issue is the new Participant Release. We have revised the old form to include all of the participating railroads and tracks, so that all riders on the railroad will have to sign only one Participant Release. The other change is that everyone will be signing the release every year. Thank you for your support on this very important issue.

Have you checked out Friends of Train Mountain website and have you joined in the email forum? John Black has lots of cool pictures loaded and needs lots more. Check out the website and see what he is looking for. Also the traffic on the email forum is terrific, you can get the latest information there and even voice your opinions about future directions. Lots of great folks participating there. Please join in and help make it happen!

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FriendsTM/> (Forum)

Are you ready? Are you excited? Are you all packed up and ready to go? Go where? Why, the Polar Bear Meet, that's where! The Polar Bear Meet is Friday, January 18 through Monday, January 21, 2008. 4 days of plowin', runnin' and just having a great time at the mountain! Please register early so we can help plan the activi-

ties. If you are bringing a steamer we will have some indoor engine storage so the pipes won't freeze! Be sure to bring snow oriented clothing, warm gloves, and something to transport hot chocolate in! Yes, there is a banquet on Saturday night, so please help the staff out by getting your registrations in right away.

Banquet Menu for the 2008 Polar Bear Event

Chicken Alfredo, Prime Rib, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Vegetable, Homemade Oatmeal Rolls, Dessert. Feel free to bring your own selected beverages.

The Track Shop is in full swing and Paul is getting us volunteers retrained into the right way of doing things. We, the volunteers, all have our own areas of expertise but trust me on this one, **(if you want to volunteer to help in the Track Shop, please, let Paul show you how to do it the right way, the Train Mountain way)**. Paul and crew have made a huge commitment to Train Mountain and the Friends of Train Mountain to build some 2,500 track panels each year! They don't have the time for re-dos or touch ups. They need to build a panel every 10 minutes! Paul loves our help but let's make sure we are helping and not, well, you know! We have pallets of ties, pallets of rail, boxes of screws tie plates, and joiners. All we need is you, please come and help if you can.

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FROM THE MANAGER
The latest information - Ross Perrin

Well, it's Christmas time and not a creature is stirring! Boy, it is quiet here! It seems to me that the railroad grinds to a halt with the freezing temperatures; EXCEPT for the brave souls (at least I'll call them that here) that have been hauling track panels out to Elizabeth River and bringing back the empties. Thanks to John Wheelock, Lee Pirtle (yeah, he was wearing shorts today with a high of 38 degrees!) and Dennis Ward, the task has been going pretty well. Oh, did I mention that they all like the way the slick plastic and oily steel slide right off the cars during transport? Yeah, it's a problem but now they tie the loads down with ratchet straps and all is well. Thanks to all those helping with this project.

Out in the shop Art Crisp and Charlie Schubert have been busy, they have made insulated rail joiners and insulators that go between the ends of the rails to keep the rails from contacting and shorting. Then they moved on to car repairs, oh yeah they did machine, stamp and paint like 30 sets of track gauges for sale and for the shops to use.

For those of us that like to get some shop time in, Art Crisp has donated a huge set of pliers of all types and a giant set of screwdrivers. Thanks Art, we will all appreciate using them.

Jerry Balf has been kicking around after a long bout with a bug of some sort, but is back at it again and working on one of the engines. This work has become more important now with the coming of new track and the distance we will be traveling to work on the railroad. Larry DaBroi is at it again building a monster building (it is huge) and helping Ron Young and Caroline Jones complete a really great looking building - but you'll have to wait till you come by to see it and learn about it. Of course folks like Larry and Dennis Ward don't just do one thing and go home they have been working on bond wires, safety cables, switch parts and helping out in the track shop. Dennis has even managed to squeeze in some shop time to letter his newly painted locomotive and slug - they look pretty sharp. Lee Brooks and Bert Newberry are busy making point sets and perfecting a system for holding and machining them with remote technical assistance from Hugo Meisser. Thank you all for all your time and effort.

Out in the field we are working on our brushing project for the Department of Agriculture, we have to get 200 acres done by the end of the month to get our grant money and Richard has almost single handedly accomplished that. He is also working part of the time on roads and grades for the expansion. You are going to be blown away by the beauty of those areas getting to New England in the north/west corner of Train Mountain! I have wandered around most of Train Mountain for one reason or another but I still find new views and hidden little valleys out there when I get a chance to go help Richard. I did the rough clearing from the Hope Circle to the Crossroads Circle, which runs along the south base of Steiger Butte and found myself stopping just to look at the wonderful views.

The new Conditional Use Permit has been approved, it

combines all of our old CUP's and the northern properties so we can build track out there. Thanks to all of you who wrote support letters and came to the hearing, that poor hearings officer was deluged with support for Train Mountain and he was so impressed he said it made him want to join! Of course, there has to be conditions, so we have 13 conditions to answer - they are all doable so we are working on them and preparing for a great new adventure.

As the year comes to an end there are so many things that come to mind. All the things accomplished by your hard work, the great train events, new members and great times. Yeah, a few sad times as well, but they were nothing compared to all the positive things. Looking to the future I want to give a great big thanks to Quentin for the foundation he has built for us to continue to build on and the insight and forward thinking to insure Train Mountain continues. The future is secure, and we will continue to be the greatest Railroad on earth. Quentin has proven over and over that a railroader's dreams can come true, and he likes to share, so we all get to enjoy his dreams and ours as well.

With a bright future ahead and a lot of hard work, (no, it isn't all just talking about it) we are "back on track" and have a place for all of us to enjoy and work on. Talking about the future, many thanks need to go to Marg Hope and Carl Vanderspek for their support and their foresight to bring John Black into his role with FTM. Thank you so much!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Kay and I and from all the Staff here at the Mountain.

Talk to you soon:

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

Meet	Work Week	Train Meet
Polar Bear Train Meet 2008	No Work Week	Fri, Jan 18- Mon, Jan 21
Narrow Gauge Train Meet 2008	No Work Week	Fri, May 2 Sun, May 5
June Train Meet 2008	Sat, May 24-Thurs, May 29	Fri, May 30- Sun, June 1
July Train Meet 2008	Sat, June 28-Thurs, July 3	Fri, July 4- Sun, July 6
Aug Ops Meet 2008	Sat, July 26-Thurs, July 31	Fri, Aug 1- Sun, Aug 3
September Train Meet 2008	Sat, Aug 30-Thurs, Sept 4	Fri, Sept 5- Sun, Sept 7
Fall Colors Meet 2008	No Work Week	Fri, Oct 3- Sun, Oct 5



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New Membership Application for 2008

Existing Membership Renewal for 2008

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Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

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2. _____ New Renew 3. _____ New Renew

4. _____ New Renew 5. _____ New Renew

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\$50 Corresponding Member \$100 Participating Member \$250 Contributing Member
 \$750 Supporting Member \$2000 Sustaining Member

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Yes No Include my e-mail address on the *Train Mountain Electronic Mail Distribution List*.

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Send me the drab black and white printed edition by speed of snail surface mail.
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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 Release
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Train Mountain Railroad Museum Membership Categories

Annual Dues	Membership Categories	Membership Benefits, with Additional Benefits in Blue
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\$100	Participating Member	Full color e-mail edition of the <i>Train Mountain Gazette</i> , or B&W printed edition of the <i>Train Mountain Gazette</i> 24" x 36" color Track Map Calendar, suitable for framing CD Rom/DVD <i>2008 Train Mountain Annual</i> Member registration fee for train events * Name badges/2008 Pin
\$250	Contributing Member	Full color e-mail edition of the <i>Train Mountain Gazette</i> , or Full color printed edition of the <i>Train Mountain Gazette</i> 24" x 36" color Track Map Calendar, suitable for framing CD Rom/DVD <i>2008 Train Mountain Annual</i> Member registration fee for train events * Name badges/2008 Pin Two train event guest - passes
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2. Participant agrees to indemnify Releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost that may incur due to the presence of Participant in or upon the Premises, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.
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5. Participant agrees that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Oregon, and that if any portion of this agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties to this release and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.
6. Participant agrees that all obligations assumed and promises made by Participant under this release shall be binding on my heirs, and the executors and administrators of my estate. Participant further instructs said heirs, administrators, and executors to honor this release and make no claim against Releasees for any claim, loss, damage, or injury which this release purports to cover.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Photo Gallery

Here's the proof that things are getting back to normal at Train Mountain. First there are TM flatcars loaded with track panels.



Lee Pirtle has been hauling panels along with John Wheelock and others.

There are empty cars to be loaded and full cars that need to be taken out to the staging areas.



The first couple of trips met with some challenges. Frequent stops were required to restack the ties on to the cars. Turns out the oily rail and the plastic ties made for some slippery panels.

Hiding behind that tie router machine is our favorite Trackshop guy, Paul. He is getting the shop all set up to crank out track panels. Most of the startup issues have been resolved and the production numbers are coming up.



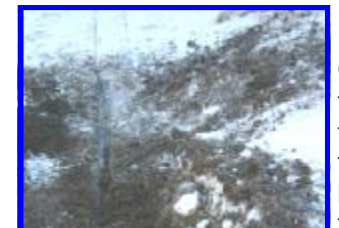
Once the panels are off loaded then the flat cars need to be returned back to the Trackshop to be reloaded.

BTW, if you want to come and haul track panels be sure you dress for the balmy weather.



The new procedure is to strap the loads to the cars. This helps with one of the challenges.

The crews have been off loading the track panels at each of the sidings out on Elizabeth River Loop. Those are mostly full at the moment so next will be Dam 4 and Douglas and Steuer sidings, then ?



Of course, mother nature likes to set little challenges out for the train crews as well. Take for instance a badger turned bull dozer and what he did to the grade crossing at Hilltop Crossing. What a mess. What made it worse was that Lee thought it was just a snow drift and charged into the pile only to find it was full of rocks and dirt!

Going for a ride out in the woods is always fun but in the snow is a real treat.



Everywhere you look out in the north lands you see track panels.



This last shot is of Dennis Ward's brand new paint job! Looks great, go Navy!

Now before you all start sending in the emails about how dark the photos are remember we are not in charge of the weather on photo shoot days! When you come to play in the snow you'll find out that the camera also fogs up sometimes adding to the fun, right Dennis?



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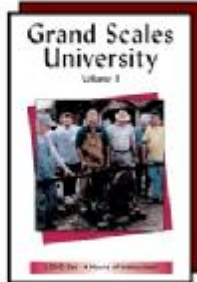
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