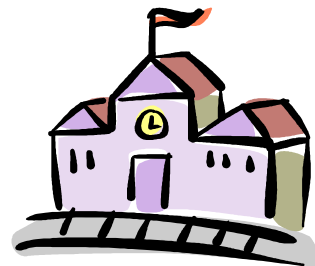




The Mountain GAZETTE

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We have had such great volunteer work here, that it has been said by several, “the track is in the best shape it has **ever** been”!! The work has come from those who are truly interested **in the hobby**. And that is the age old truth. Those that love: do. Others just say; ‘it should’ be done. Many skills have been put to good use, not all are track layers, not all are gardeners, nor are all tree limb trimmers. But there is a very good mix and willingness to do the needful things. There are no assignments. You wish to help Train Mountain, you may choose a different chore to your preference and ability of the day.

I see that: Where there is a will, there is a way, but where there is a passion, there is **outstanding achievement!** So, is your passion the hobby? Is it sharing the train rides, the camaraderie, or the wholesome atmosphere?

Almost all of the public who came during this last month, were able to have a train ride. Those that didn’t were not expecting so much! This again was due to the willingness of volunteers. Even with the losses this year to unexpected deaths of nearby members, Bob and John; and the economic strain for everyone, a great many folks came and enjoyed their first visit to Train Mountain. Several rode to the northernmost track this week. So many were awe struck, (weren’t we all), and said they would return. There is much interest in the Triennial as well as the Holliday Express. So, on we go. Anticipation of events is up, participation of volunteer hours is up, and typical bills are all paid up at last.

Don’t forget the Fall Colors Meet! Potluck on Saturday night.

Thank you to each, who has been an enthusiast!

Sharon Breen

President



Live Steam Garden Railway!



September Meet 2011

We started the Work Week off with a list of 44 things that needed attention. We accomplished about 40 of them and did a whole bunch more! The week saw some miniature buildings getting refurbished, a new ¼ scale building get installed at Crane Water Siding (see page 5 for pictures also see youtube video- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5UrR6j6Fd8>), lots of weeding, lots of much needed track tweaking, a new retaining wall at Little Falls, grounds keeping and debris hauling, and oh, so much more. We did some emergency repairs on the Ellingson Bridge and upgraded some of the grade crossings that had settled over the years. FTM had help installing more track, that helped them in validating their agreement with Train Mountain. Well done, worker bees!

Then came the fun of running on all that track, and boy, there were a lot of happy faces on all of the members that went out on the run days of the meet. We saw no violations of our simple rules and even the train speeds seemed to be in line with our guidelines. Overall it was a great train meet! Next up is the Fall Colors Meet.

Work Week Committee



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Chuff....



...and
Puff
Puff!

Holiday Express 2011 Meeting Friday 9th 1:00 12 members present

After a general discussion it was decided that we really do want to put on the 3rd Annual Holiday Express celebration.

It all comes down to this simple fact, we need your help. It takes about 30 folks on a daily basis. First, comes the laborious job of setting up/decorating (which is also a lot of fun).

Next comes the four days of the event, Sat. & Sun. for two weeks Dec. 10-11 and 17-18. We have the usual group that has stepped up and said yes, but we still need lots more than the dozen or so of us. If you can be here to help in this really fun event, please contact the office and let them know. #541-783-3030 or info@trainmountain.org subject: Holiday Express volunteer.

Thanks,

Holiday Express Committee.

2012 Train Mountain Triennial Meeting
Friday Sept 9, 2011 3:00
Hall of Flags, Central Station
Volunteer Coordinator Dennis Ward
27 members present

First order of business was the fee schedule of members versus non-members for the Triennial. In the past there was no requirement to be a member to attend and therefore no discount was given either way. After much discussion the consensus was that we would do as in the past, one set fee structure for those attending the Triennial, members or not. However, it was also pointed out that we must have membership in order to maintain Train Mountain to even host this great event. We will continue to stress that membership helps us to put on the Triennial.

Second order of business was the unloading fee. After much discussion the decision was there will be no unloading fee. The suggestion was that we would have donation canister strategically posted to help recover the costs of running the tractor for the event.

Camping fees of \$5 remain. This is for RV's or tents. It is for the Triennial week and not the Work Week. This will help defray the costs of the port-a-potty's required. In a related topic there was a suggestion that we contact the Forest Service about use of portable shower facilities such as those used at fire camps. We will do that research and report at the next meeting.

It was brought up that all trains should be required to have a fire extinguisher. After much discussion the decision was to require at least a shovel in each train and that it is highly recommended that each train have a sufficient fire extinguisher to put out a train fire.

The National N Scale convention wishes to attend the Triennial on Parade Day. The fee will be \$10 per person on their buses. Approximately 250 will attend. The K&W will be running that day and if they wish a train ride they would walk over to the K&W for that ride.

A preliminary budget was discussed but much more work is needed before it is ready for publication.

A Triennial website is up and running thanks to Tom Watson webmaster. The registration forms and release forms will be posted there as soon as possible. www.trainmountaintriennial.org

This will be the main source of information regarding anything Triennial. This includes but is not limited to registration, committee, etc.,.

Sharon, Bert Newberry and Dennis Ward are setting up the joint checking account for the Triennial. We will also investigate the possibility of a visa machine for the front gate. Once the account is set up you should be able to pay online for your registration. You will also be able to download the form and mail it in. The new form will also be included in the next issue of The Mountain Gazette.

Next meeting will be during the Fall Colors Meet, Friday at 7:00 pm (it is the Fall Colors Meet so we want to be able to see the fall colors!), October 7th, Hall of Flags, Central Station.

Triennial Committee

2011 Train Meet Schedule

Fall Colors Train Meet

Friday, October 5—Sunday, October 7, 2012
(Banquet is Potluck 6:00 Saturday Evening)



2012 WORK WEEK AND TRAIN MEET SCHEDULE

Polar Bear Train Meet

Friday, January 13—Sunday, January 15, 2012
(Banquet is Potluck 6:00 Saturday Evening)

Narrow Gauge Work Week

Saturday, May 12 —Thursday, May 17, 2012

Narrow Gauge Train Meet

Friday, May 18 —Sunday, May 20, 2012
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

2012 Train Mountain Triennial Work Week

Monday, June 16—Sunday, June 24, 2012

2012 Train Mountain Triennial

Monday, June 25 —Sunday, July 1, 2012
(No Banquet during Triennial)

Operations Set Up & Work Week

Saturday, August 4—Thursday, August 9, 2012

Operations Meet

Friday, August 10—Sunday, August 12, 2012
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

September Work Week

Saturday, September 1 —Thursday, Sept 6, 2012

September Train Meet

Friday, Sept 7—Sunday, Sept 9, 2012
(Banquet is 6:00 Saturday Evening)

Fall Colors Train Meet

Friday, October 5—Sunday, October 7, 2012
(Banquet is Potluck 6:00 Saturday Evening)

ATTENTION:

The trainmountain.org and trainmountainstore.com websites are currently experiencing technical difficulties, which has evolved from transferring to different servers.

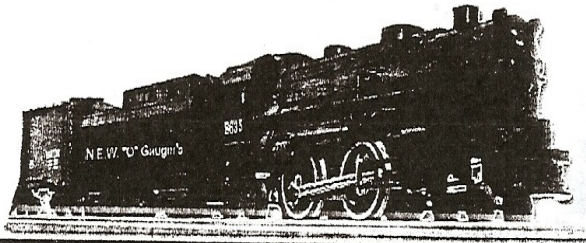
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Thank you for your consideration!

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Beautiful Job, Volunteers!



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