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## Spring Greetings!

Yes, the first signs of snowbirds and robins and crocus are showing... in the middle of April. Days are slowly reaching warmer temperatures and are definitely longer. Spring is a good time to plan for summer activities!

Yosemite National Park was created for the enjoyment of its beauty for all citizens and guest to enjoy. My family enjoyed camping there every year. Mother made sure we kept our campsite area tidy. On occasion, another camping group would leave a trashy mess. Mother had us help clean up that too and be sure to put out any fire they left. This was done because of the love we felt for Yosemite. Sometimes a Ranger would see us and thank us. But we didn't do it for the Rangers; we did it for the Park.

It is a great thing to see that love and respect for Train Mountain. It brings members who enjoy all the vistas, the access of challenging track, (instead of hiking trails), the friendship of common interest and who care for TM. Not all the work of caring is *seen*, nor can it all be *acknowledged*, although it is appreciated very much by all the rest of the folks who love Train Mountain.

Appreciation can be shown to the Triennial Committee, twenty-one Resident Volunteers, and the Kitsap Krew, who have arrived and are busy also!

So, welcome to the new season, and may spring bring renewed joy and spirit to all that can come to Train Mountain.

Sharon Breen  
President

# **Train Mountain 2012 Triennial Progress Report as of 4/8/2012 By Dennis Ward, Volunteer Coordinator**

The attendee count for the 2012 Triennial continues to grow. As of April 8 there are 533 people and 221 trains registered. Total train lengths equal 8481 feet (1.61 miles). As reported on the Triennial website, the fuel for the trains is supplied by gasoline (78), electric (63), propane (48), diesel (15), coal (13), wood (1), and food (2) (pedal cars).

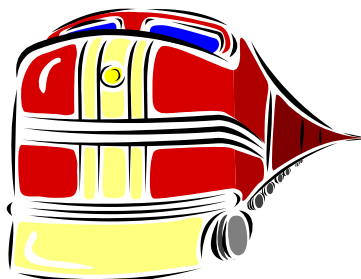
Entertainment for Wednesday, June 27 will be provided by The Kid and Nic Show; sponsored by the Klamath and Western Railroad, Inc. Attendees must be registered for or have a day pass for the Triennial. The cost is \$35.00 per person. This includes BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad or Cole Slaw dinner with Corn Bread. Dinner seating is at 6:00 PM in the Hall of Flags at Central Station. Due to space limitations only two hundred (200) tickets will be sold. Get your reservations early! Reservation forms available on the Triennial website under the Misc. info tab/Dinner and show tab.

2012 Triennial T-shirts are now available for pre-order on the website under the Registration and Forms tab.

The Triennial committee has contracted 7Idea productions of Chiloquin, Oregon to create a DVD of the 2012 Triennial. Other contracts have gone to Jefferson State Pumping to provide portable toilets and hand wash sinks and Waste Management to provide dumpsters for trash disposal. The Triennial committee has contracted for a 2012 Triennial/Silver anniversary pin.

We have had several offers of VOLUNTEER help for the Triennial work week and event. We can always use more. There will be a meeting at 8:30 AM every morning of the work week and during the event. This meeting is to discuss what needs to be done and to allow VOLUNTEERS to pick the job that best suits their skills. VOLUNTEER help is always useful at Train Mountain. If you are bored sitting at home, come to The Mountain. The spring weather seems to have finally arrived so there is ample opportunity to get outside to rake pine needles or work on track repair. We are still looking for someone to chair the Communication committee.

The next Triennial committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at 4:00 PM in the Hall of Flags at Central Station. Come if you can. If you have something that you believe needs discussing send to my email: [ward1939@msn.com](mailto:ward1939@msn.com). I will add it to the agenda.



## Fallen tree at TM Fuel Yard



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## ***New Seats for Triennial Cars!***

***Designed/Made by Russ Wood  
Painted by Charlie 'Bill' Schubert  
Installed by Charlie 'Bill' Schubert  
and Dennis Ward***



***Link for more pictures and info on seats:  
<http://trainmountaintriennial.org/forum/showthread.php?tid=57>***

# ***Kitsap Krew (and others!)***



***Track cleaning, pine needle raking and disposal, and don't forget the eating and socializing– all are part of the fun during the 'Kitsap week'!***



***Train Mountain Office is now on  
Summer Schedule:  
OPEN: Monday through Friday  
From 9:00am-2:00pm  
Messages left at 541-783-3030 are  
appreciated & returned regularly.***

***There will be a Klamath & Western Meeting on  
Saturday, the 21st at 3:00pm(Central Station).  
Immediately following, will be a Triennial Meeting at  
4:00pm. There will be a Potluck starting at  
approximately 6:00pm, dependent on the length of  
the meetings.***

***The old playground  
equipment, at Six Acre  
Campground, will be  
dismantled. We are still  
seeking new; or  
donations toward, a  
new slide and swings.***



The Home show provided space again for K&W train rides. While the event was successful; the most amazing part was the youngest rider ever, at 10 days old!

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