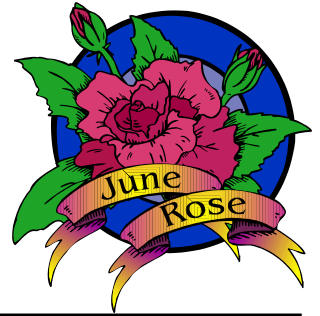


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Hurrah! It's almost here- The Silver Anniversary Triennial!

There is activity and excitement along with plenty of exercise in the fresh mountain air on this beautiful railroad. It is a pleasant surprise to see all that is happening and the preparations being made for this event.

The Volunteers are extraordinary! Dennis Ward & Tom Watson have been doing wonderfully on the registrations, permit & badge design; besides many of the other outdoor tasks. Jeannie Meisser & Joyce Kludt have done and will be doing work in the office, including packet stuffing, organizing and badge making. Peg Schubert has been her usual helpful self in the office putting rosters together as well as helping some with registration packets. Charlie Bill Schubert & Art Crisp have helped Bill & Rosemarie Dobbs with the new track beside Containerville, plus much tuning up of the track. Dana & Barb Ward have done a lot of pine needle raking up north as well as Bill Shepherd & Carolyn Steuer. Boyd Butler and Burt Newberry, Toni Brooks & Billie Beauchamp have been after obnoxious weeds and bugs. Russ Wood has been busy getting things organized as well as working on track in his sparetime. There really is so much going on and being done, it is impossible to keep track of it all. And these are just samples of member volunteers, not to mention this is before the Work Week and all that will be done then!

We will have a Thursday evening event during the Triennial, see page two and a preview of some of the new items in the Company store, on page six.

Be aware laundry facilities will be limited in the Motor Pool. so please do not overuse.

We really appreciate all of the help and we hope you will have as much fun being here; as we do in having you come! Please remember that much work *has* been done in preparation. Please show consideration to all that are going to be here during the Triennial- whether you have been a volunteering member or not.

Common courtesy is no longer so common; so let's all remember to say please and thank you!

Sincerely, Sharon



A Taste of Southern Oregon Wine, Cheese and Chocolate



12 Ranch Wines (Bonanza), Dagoba Chocolates (Ashland) and Rogue Creamery (Central Point) will be featured during our welcome event!

We are excited to have everyone coming to our 25th Anniversary year and the 5th International Triennial Event!

Come join us for a special evening of delights that will inspire you, and enjoy socializing too!

Central Station- Thursday, June 28th from 4:00-7:00pm

Tickets are \$15 for adults *over* 21 (**only 200 available!**)- This includes a Celebratory Red Wine Goblet (\$10 value), 3 wine tastings and a variety of chocolates and cheeses. Tickets are \$5 for those *under* 21 and includes chocolate and cheese tastings.

Glasses of wine and bottles are available for sale from 12 Ranch wines on location during the event.

Chocolate bars and cheeses are available for sale in the Company Store during the event.



The Last Word on Train Mountains' 2012 Triennial (before the beginning)

This will be the last pre-event report in the Mountain Gazette regarding the 2012 Triennial. The plan, of course, is to have a post Triennial report in next month's newsletter.

As of June 12 we have 714 people, 14 railroad vendors and 3 food vendors registered. These numbers do not include the approximately 300 n-scalers who will be visiting on June 30th. Their convention is taking place in Medford, Oregon at the same time. Nor does it include those people who will be stopping by to purchase a day pass.

So far there are 261 trains registered. They are expected to take up 9521 feet (1.8 miles) of storage track. Of those trains entered; 95 are live steam, 87 are gasoline powered diesel electric replicas, 77 are battery powered, the rest are pedal powered or unknown. If you are one of those bringing a battery powered locomotive or need access to electricity be sure to bring an extension cord(s) as we will not be furnishing cords for anyone. Two hundred sixty one trains would over task most layouts. We firmly believe that Train Mountain, with more than thirty miles of track, can handle that many.

Help from around the country is beginning to arrive. The Triennial packets are being produced. Track clean up and tune up is being performed. The plumbing in the steaming bays has been updated and repaired. Lots of air and water available at all stations. The new plumbing is Pex (plastic) tubing- care **must** be taken so that hot cinders *not be allowed to drop into the pits in the steaming bays.*

The vendor barn is being transformed from a storage facility to a display area. The first aid station is being setup at one end of the vendor barn. Sanitation stations (Port-a-Potties and hand wash sinks) are being placed in the vicinity of where we expect people to congregate.

Work week for this event begins Saturday, June 16. There will still be a lot that needs to be done and still more, that we would like to have done, if time permits. There will be a VOLUNTEER meeting every morning in the Hall of Flags at Central Station. Be sure to stop by to get a job assignment and/or to let us know what you accomplished the previous day.

See the Triennial website <http://trainmountaintriennial.org> for the Seminar schedule and the list of Vendors. There is also information on the 'Kid n Nic' Show and Dinner which takes place Wednesday evening in the Hall of Flags. With only 200 seats available you will want to get your tickets early for this event. The website is updated regularly with the latest registration information.

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A reminder, this event is being put on entirely by VOLUNTEERS. We sincerely hope that each and every attendee will be able to VOLUNTEER for at least a few hours. You do not have to be a Train Mountain member to be a VOLUNTEER. There will be VOLUNTEER signup sheets for train inspectors, station agents, passenger train crews, security stations, participant check-in and many, many more activities. Please be a VOLUNTEER if you are going to be an attendee at this Silver Anniversary event.

A reminder: It is not too late to be a part of the 25th Anniversary celebration. Day passes are available or you can register for the event at the gate.

I look forward to seeing/meeting all of you in the near future.

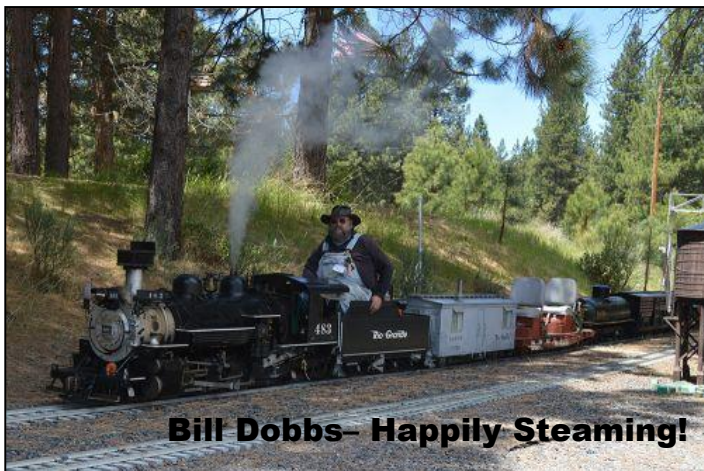
Very Respectfully,

Dennis Ward
VOLUNTEER Coordinator,
Train Mountain 2012 Triennial

Art Crisp- 2012 Triennial Grand Marshal for the Toot and Parade



Preparing below for the Mills Elementary Field Trip- over 160 people arrived on the 8th for a chilly, but fun, ride!!!



Bill Dobbs- Happily Steaming!

Steve Panzik- Setting up for the Triennial Registration Booth





**There's trains....
and then
there's TRAINS!**



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Come see New Items in the Company Store!!

Thomas and Friends!



T-shirts and Bags change to color in the sun!!



25th Anniversary Items!



Discounted items in the store include:

All 2006/09 Triennial hats 20% off

All Whistle Stop Items 30% off

'Still plays with Trains' Coffee Cups 30% off

2003 Triennial Cups 40% off

Available for Purchase during the Triennial!!



All cars come *without* couplers and trucks!



Usable, Un-Certified Propane cars- \$1400



Trolley w/out battery- \$1995



Firewood/Flat Cars- \$500

#17 Container Available for Purchase!

Rolling door on location, installation optional along with track/switches for additional cost. Plastic and ballast is purchased and a shared cost with Container #18 purchasers.



Contact Bill Dobbs or Dennis Weaver for Australian Char- \$50.00 per bag

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