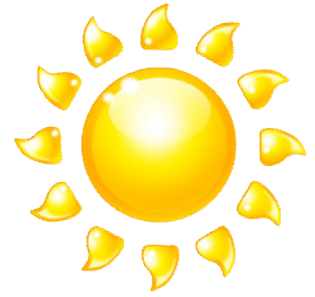


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Wow! Oh, Wow! What a wonderful, wonderful Triennial!

So many big smiles along with those beautiful and gorgeous engines and cars. Good vibes, quick track repairs, great discussions and friendly visits along with good food, special photography and super vendor service all around...

Amazing volunteers did all that it took to make this very successful event happen! The coordinator committee of Tom Watson, Dennis Ward & Russ Wood began last fall with the organization of what was needed in the way of supplies, services and coordinators. Of the thirty plus chairman positions listed, volunteer members filled nearly all and then the chairmen asked for volunteers for their specific tasks and with more volunteers, it all seemed to **get done!** The Kitsap Krew was a big push toward track adjustments and general maintenance such as paving repairs at four way crossing in April. Dennis Weaver & Bill Dobbs laid track to a couple more containers and still helped prepare TM. Duane and Pat Kaasa painted the BN caboose by the front gate in its appropriate green and yellow. Steve & Pam Panzik painted up the snowplows and set up a viewing access to them. FTM also assisted through Dustin in Gator repair & Richard, on lifts & air line repairs in the loading area; provided Gators, riding cars and John's tours of the northern area. Someone did a very much appreciated job of painting the container near the front gate in brick red! Weeds and nasty bugs were attacked by Boyd Butler, Bert Newberry, Toni Brooks and Sheri Beauchamp. Larry DaBroi was the mad mower or the leafinator. Hugo Meisser really cleaned up & organized the carpenter shop. Art Crisp & Charlie Bill Schubert worked and fixed and worked and are still tuning up track. John Cooper added and maintained signals. Charlie Meinershagen trimmed the track side brush as did Boyd Butler. The Ward ladies raked and picked up pine cones in both the southern and northern area of Aspen Loop and Steuer Siding. Bill Shepherd raked all the right of way, from Elizabeth River and up to Hope Circle. Steve Panzik and Bill Shepherd also mowed the South Meadow and areas of vehicular traffic. Louis Mooney brought a new flag to fly as well as several new fire extinguishers for the northern area.

Then, the work week began! There was truly so many dedicated volunteers that it would be impossible to list them all without making this into a very long book!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL, each and every one, that in some way helped the big 25th celebration of the hobby dreamland!

As always, with dedication to the railroad hobby and hobbyistsõ .
Sharon Breen



Triennial News

It has been two weeks now since the 2012 Triennial wrapped up. While the feedback is all anecdotal, we have had nothing but rave reviews from all participants. A lot of VOLUNTEER help was provided by a lot of the attendees.

The final visitor count was 1041 paid attendees. This included registrants, vendors and day-pass people. That number does NOT include the approximately 250 N-Scale conventioners who bused over from Medford for the õBig Tootö and parade on Saturday. Also not included were the health care professionals who manned the first aid station, as VOLUNTEERS, all week. We also had food vendors and their staff who were not included in the 1041. My estimate is between 1300 and 1400 people were able to enjoy a great week or two in June at Train Mountain.

Food vendors provided a lot of very good meals for everyone. We tried evening entertainment in the form of a Lucille Ball presentation by Joe Mayer, a dinner and dance evening with the Kid n Nic Show and karaoke on a couple of evenings. These evening events were not well attended but were greatly enjoyed by those who did attend. It seems that the folks who came to the Triennial did so to play with the trains.

I am told that the seminars were very informative. The vendor booths were completely sold out and the vendors I talked with said they had a very good week. Visitor came from all over the globe. The Australian contingent brought along three locomotives and a few riding cars. We also had visitors from Canada, the UK, Switzerland, Sweden, Austria, Germany and probably other countries. I was unable to meet and greet everyone.

We had adequate sanitation and waste management facilities in place to insure that people were not forced into unsanitary conditions. Central Station septic system backed up late Saturday but we managed to have it unplugged by early Sunday. While we are still crunching numbers (because not all of the service providers have submitted their final bills) we know that we will payoff Chris Arsenault, LLC for moving the rotary snowplow. When all of the bills are paid there will be in excess of \$20 thousand dollars to go toward other projects such as upgrade of the septic system for Central Station or activating the septic system for Blue Caboose campground.

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The following links will take you to some very nice photos of the 2012 Triennial at Train Mountain.

<https://picasaweb.google.com/107497839847657536289/TrainMountainTriennial2012?authuser=0&feat=directlink>

<http://southernoregonlivesteamers.webs.com/apps/photos/album?albumid=13600089> and <http://trainmountaintriennial.org>

Submitted by Dennis Ward Co-chairman of the 2012 Triennial Committee

Hardworking Registration Ladies



Seminar & Entertainment



Track Maintenance



Unloading/Loading Assistance



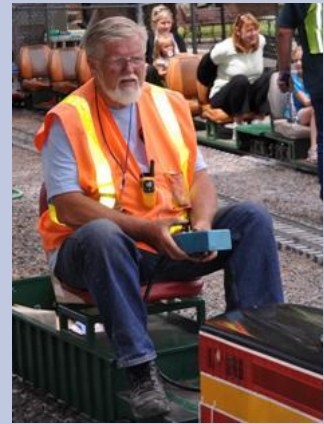
Full-Size Equipment Tours/Maintenance



Great Paint Job!!



Triennial Committee Leadership



The Next Generation!

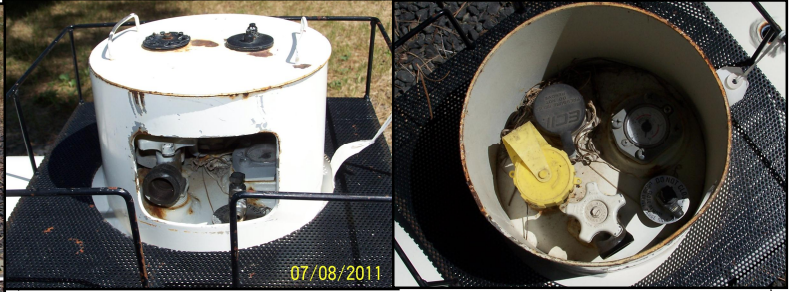


Trains Galore!

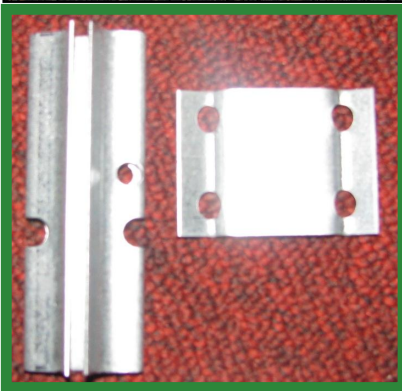


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