



The Mountain GAZETTE

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As the Triennial nears, the registrations keep pouring in. We have lots of track to run on, but are having problems finding parking places with amenities. There are only so many steaming bays and so many electrical outlets available. Here is Dean's latest report:

Train Mountain is filling up fast. Currently I have room for 8 more steam locomotives. **Crisp Yard is full.** The eight spots remaining are at Ellingson Turntable. An individual that is bringing more than one steam locomotive may find them assigned to one parking location. Steam locomotives assigned to Ellingson Turntable with train lengths over 25 feet will have their cars parked in the track storage yard, tracks T-1 thru T-16. Currently I have only assigned three trains per track, thus engineers will only have to switch out a maximum of two other train sets. (Murphy will guarantee your train will always be buried.) There's a chance for some individuals to pull yard duty and assemble trains for those at the turntable. The electric yards are full. Those that are not assigned to TM Electric Yard, K&W electric yard, or the new electric yard are assigned to the main yard.

Dean's message from last month still applies:

"Please pass on in the next newsletter to those individuals that are bringing electric speeders and short electric trains that they will be sharing a parking spot. Also ask those that are bringing electric locomotives if they will be bring a generator and to contact me via e-mail. tmtrackassignment@att.net
Thanks,
Dean Willoughby, Train Mountain Track Assignments 2015"

Just as a reminder, ~~Electric locomotive~~ owners should bring a long extension cord to increase your chances of reaching an outlet. We are striving to get more track-side electrical outlets installed prior to the Triennial, but there are a limited number of volunteers to do all the preparations, and lots to do. If there are any Oregon licensed electricians that would be willing to volunteer for this project, please contact the Train Mountain Office.

Important Track Assignment Information

Critical Mass for Electric and Steam locomotive parking was reached on February 15, 2015! In order that all participants with steam locomotives have track assignments with access to water and air, only locomotives and tender/engineer's car will be parked at the turntable. Consists will be assigned to other areas. The same will apply to electric locomotives where track space near receptacles may need to be shared.

This means we will need to operate the same as full size railroads - Locomotives will be parked separate from consists. Complete trains will need to be assembled each day.

This does not apply to those that registered early and are assigned to Crisp Yard.

You Must BE a Current Train Mountain Member to bring Equipment

If you wish to bring equipment to the 2015 Triennial, you **must** complete and submit both pages of the Triennial Registration Form, and you **must** be a current 2015 Train Mountain Member or include a completed 2015 Membership Application Form with your Triennial Registration Form.

We cannot complete these Forms over the telephone, nor can we make promises over the phone without the paperwork. There are simply too many people coming to the Triennial to keep it all straight without paperwork.

You will not be given a Track Assignment until the paperwork, current Train Mountain Membership and both pages of the Triennial Registration Form, have been received at the Train Mountain Office.



REMEMBER: No job is complete without the paperwork!

We will continue to accept payment via Credit Card over the phone providing you have mailed the Forms to the Train Mountain Office. We will attempt to answer all questions if you contact the office via telephone or email.

2015 TRAIN MOUNTAIN TRIENNIAL

TRIENNIAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We have just three work weeks to get Train Mountain ready for the biggest event in Train Mountain's history. Yes I said biggest. The good news is we had a mild weather so frost heave issues should be minimal. The bad news is we have just three work weeks to get 36 miles of track ready for some 300 plus trains. We need your help in order to make sure everyone has a great time and no one gets wiped out in the process. So here's the deal, we will start publishing those committees that have requested help and how to get a hold of that committee chair. The Chair is in charge of that committee, so comments or suggestions need to be forwarded to them specifically. Here is the first of what we hope will be many requests from the committee chairs.

Triennial Loading/Unloading @ Crisp Yard - Roger Rude Chairman

Here is a great time to see the trains that are either coming or going by volunteering to assist those members that request assistance in unloading and loading the trains at the 2015 TRIENNIAL. This will be done both during the workweek and during the triennial itself. The committee is requesting that you sign up for a 4-hour or more time slot. Please call the committee chairperson Rodger Rude at 360-445-4909 for more information.

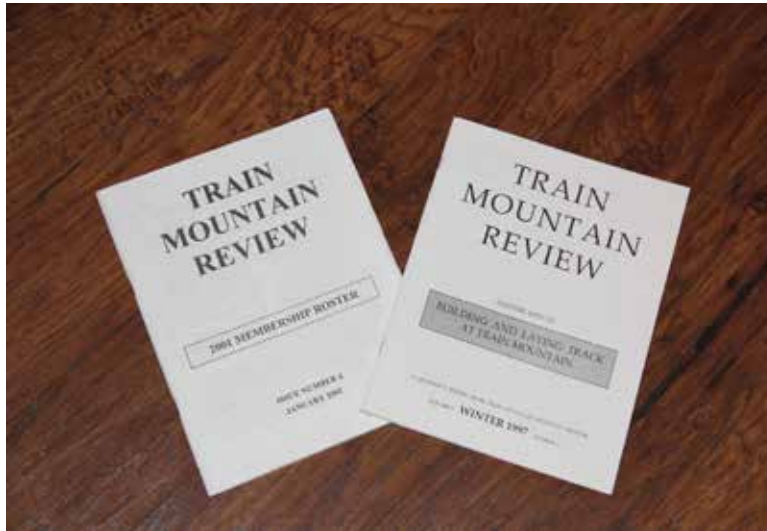
Please note that the committee is only going to assist those that request help. Otherwise they will be directing traffic from the holding area on Katy Lane up to Crisp Yard. They will have your track assignment and can assist you in how to find your spot. Once unloaded you will exit out the FRONT gate, drive back down to the TRIENNIAL entrance and there you will park your trailer. Upon leaving Train Mountain you will once again get your trailer and WAIT at the STAGING area on Katy Lane until being called up to Crisp Yard by the committee. An additional note, loading and unloading 300 trains is WORK, those that are doing this job will be under the direction of the committee chair, if you are NOT on the committee and it is NOT YOUR TRAIN, PLEASE DON'T HELP! We want everyone to have a FUN and a very safe visit. Please see that you are part of the solution and NOT part of the problem.

There are many other committees that will require large numbers of volunteers in order to spread the work load out. These include but are not limited to the Inspection Tent, South Meadow Security, Entrance Gate Security, Traffic Flow, and Registration / Check-In.

From the Train Mountain Library

Occasionally your TM library staff will be asking for your help. As we archive materials covering the history of Train Mountain we have found issues of the Train Mountain Review (1997 – 2002). This is what we have: 2000, 2001 and 2002 Membership Rosters as well as a Train Mountain Review with feature article “Building and Laying Track at Train Mountain: A Quarterly Report from the Train Mountain RR Museum” (dated Winter 1997).

We want to determine if there are other issues we can acquire for the library. We appreciate your help.



Calling All Vendors - Triennial Committee

All right live steam vendors how much do you folks spend on advertising and how many dedicated live steamers can you guarantee you reached? The 2015 Train Mountain International Triennial Meet will be the biggest in Train Mountain's history. This is your opportunity to meet and greet your customer base face to face.

We will have ads in our Commemorative Program, you can give seminars, we have the Vendor Area to display your wares, and you can also come and play in the woods with the rest of us. You can't get much better than that.

We have half of the Vendor area reserved so far, so don't wait too long. So if you are interested in being a vendor at the 2015 Triennial, please contact Russ Wood, Triennial Vendor Chairman, send an email to russ@hobby-tronics.com subject: Triennial Vendor.

If you have a favorite vendor you do business with, ask them if they are coming to the Triennial, if they are interested in coming, please pass on the contact info and we will do the rest. Thanks.

Report from Bill Dwyer

Last week Les Dent, Dick Stark, and I were at TM to work on our equipment and also to inspect all of the crossing flashers. We cleaned and inspected all of the flashers and replaced all of the bulbs with new 1157 bulbs. We replaced more than 60 corroded, burnt out, or partially burnt out bulbs. I had purchased 100 new 1157 bulbs so we have about 40 left as spares. There was a lot of corrosion in the light bulbs and sockets so we cleaned the sockets and replaced all of the bulbs working or not to eliminate the bulbs as an issue. There are still several crossing flashers that are not working. This must be a power issue or a track circuit issue. We did not explore further as we did not know what type of track circuit was used at each location. We also did not want to introduce additional problems. These problems will need to be looked into further during the Spring Meet work week. We also noted that the Dogwalk signals are not operating properly during a run Les and I made Friday afternoon.

Bill Dwyer
RXRBILL

The Signals Committee continues to work toward having all the signals operational for the 2015 running season. This is an ongoing effort by yet another group of dedicated Train Mountain volunteers.

Boy Scout Camporall at Train Mountain

The Crater Lake Council Camporall Scoutrageous – 2015
May 15, 16, 17 – Chiloquin, Oreogn

Train Mountain has been asked to provide Trains and events for the Scouts during this event.

(1) It has been requested that as many Trains as possible can be on display for the Scouts to view when they arrive, and during the event. This can be as simple as pulling your train out of a container for display, or parking your train in one of the visible yards.

(2) To put on a Rail Bike Event. The Vanderspeks have volunteered to do this event.

(3) To put on a Switching Puzzle Event. The Rickmans have volunteered to do this event. This may be two events. The 7.5" event and a smaller gauge event which will be set up in the Vendor Building. Please contact the Rickmans if you can help with staffing these events.

(4) The Main Event requested by the Scouts is Train Rides. Klamath & Western has volunteered to help with this event. However, we would like for any Train Mountain Member that is willing and available - to have their personal train at Train Mountain, during this weekend, for the purpose of hauling Boy Scouts. If you can bring a train for this event, please contact the TM Office and let us know. If you do not have a train, but can be available as a crew member, please contact the Office and let us know.

I'd Like To Volunteer, But

We get this a lot on the phone and in emails. I'd like to volunteer but I don't know what needs to be done. With 2200 acres of forest and 36 miles of track there are lots of jobs to do. Some jobs are easy to figure out what needs to be done, like raking and picking up winter debris. Others may be like trying to figure out how and why our road crossing signals are not working.

If you are here during a work week or meet, we have 8:30 am morning volunteer meetings to discuss the day's tasks that need to be accomplished. This is a good time to volunteer, and to get in with a crew and get some hands on experience. If you are a regular crew like the Kitsap Krew they work as an independent group because they have been doing it here at Train Mountain for many years and they know what needs to be done. They also occasionally accept additional helping hands depending on their agenda during their frequent visits to the park.

There are others that check in with the office upon their arrival and we try and get them doing some needed task that they feel they can handle. However the best time to volunteer is during the morning meetings. If everyone skips the meetings and then comes into office later on in the day and asks what needs to be done, that is counterproductive to everyone. The morning meetings are the place to get your information.

The biggest single challenge facing us during a Triennial year is to get the track ready for the 350 or so trains that will be coming. As it stands right at this moment, we are NOT READY! We are still having winter storms and high winds, so raking and picking up has not started. The ground has thawed some so some track work has started but just in a few places. The Kitsap Krew will get us going, as they always do, in mid April, but the Spring Awakening Meet May 2nd to May 10th will be our first scheduled Work Week / Meet for the season.

We need as many folks here as we can to get us cleaned up so we can do a complete inspection of the track so we can find out what needs to be done. We have had a mild winter so far so the frost heave problems will not be as bad as in past years. During non-Triennial years not all of the facility sees trains, so lots of the track has not had a train on it since 2012 or 3 years ago.

The Main Yard gets heavy use during the Triennial but very little use the rest of the time. This lack of use means lack of attention to any track issues that may have occurred. There are 225 switches in Main Yard. That is a lot of potential derailments waiting to happen! The entire yard needs major attention. On the layout itself there are additionally another 600 or so switches that lead to either sidings or junctions and they all need to be inspected and serviced.

Train Mountain still has about 8 miles of wooden tied track. Wooden ties are terrific for about 25 years or so, then Train Mountain is 28 years old, so do the math! We will attempt to have the track from Deadwood to Ellingson Bridge redone by the Triennial with steel and plastic. The old track has already been removed and we are awaiting tie material and rail to allow for the building of the necessary replacement track panels (about 180 or so). Once the material has arrived we could use help in assembling the panels, moving the panels out to the site, and of course the fun part of laying and ballasting the new track.

For the past few years the Ellingson Turntable area gets little use as most of the steamers setup in Crisp Yard. Well with 115 steamers coming the 24 tracks in Crisp Yard are not enough. Steamers will be at Ellingson and the Klamath & Western turntable areas. Both of these areas need to be serviced and the tracks repaired as required. All of the three way switches at Ellingson definitely need work.

As we get closer to the Triennial we will need help in the assembling of the registration packets, getting the Company Store cleaned up and ready to go, and many other indoor tasks. All of these projects need volunteers to get them done.

So in answer to the question I'd like to volunteer, but I hope this gives you some answers and also some guidance as to what YOU need to do next. Come for a Work Week / Meet, come in between meets, but please come and volunteer.

We cannot run Train Mountain without YOU!

We cannot run a Meet without YOU!

We cannot run a Triennial without YOU!

PLEASE come and help us and join in the fun.

Train Mountain is a NO SMOKING Facility

During recent events, many Members and their Guests have been ignoring this policy. There are only three designated smoking areas at Train Mountain:

- (1) Outside the front of the Backshop**
- (2) Outside the east door of the Hall of Flags**
- (3) Outside the Motor Pool (Maintenance Building)**

Due to the high fire danger at Train Mountain during the summer, we have zero tolerance for anyone smoking outside one of the designated areas.

There is NO SMOKING anywhere out on the track!

Members, Guests, and Visitors that continue to violate the Train Mountain Smoking Policy may be asked to leave.

Visitors to Train Mountain:

Train Mountain is very popular and is continually attracting visitors from throughout the world. We announce that our hours are from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM Monday through Friday during the summer, and 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM during the winter. The office is closed on weekends except during meets, and then only when volunteers are available to open the office.

Our insurance advisors request that all people (members and visitors) complete and sign a liability release. If **YOU** as a member encounter visitors on the property without a visitors pass please direct them to the office so that we can insure that a release has been completed and a visitors pass has been issued.

If **YOU**, as a member, open the gate and allow visitors to pass through - **YOU** are responsible to see that the release has been completed. Releases are available in the mailboxes near the office for those times the office is closed. There are also releases available in the kitchen and in the back shop.

If you do not want to, or do not have the time to, ensure that the releases are completed - then please graciously explain that the train park is closed to visitors and that the open hours are normally (Winter) 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM Monday through Friday. To arrange other hours visitors should call the office at 541-783-3030.

Lillyville -- by Seymour Skandals



As Lillyville grows by leaps and bounds, we see an irrigated pasture with more milk cows as Old McDonald continues to expand. More housing for the miners is appearing regularly.



Lillyville's population is growing faster than the town's infrastructure. Thus temporary structures will be provided until more permanent accommodations can be constructed.

For starters, the Lillyville Church and School will have a tent for services during bad weather and during nice weather the services will be outdoors.

The following businesses will be operating out of tents: (1) Burt's Barber Shop; (2) Western Union and Telegraph Office (also used for mail delivery); (3) Dr. Milburn Stone PHD Doctor and Dentist; (4) McHenry's Bath House; (5) Lillyville City Hall and Land & Property Records; (6) Lillyville Sheriff Office - Sheriff's name is Kris Lilly.

WEB-CAM GALLERY

Photos by: The Web-Cam



Register for the Triennial Meet now!!

Please Use the Online App to Register or Join-- <http://tmrrmembers.org>



CLASSIFIEDS

Building Lots For Sale!

Train Mountain member has 4 nice home / vacation building lots for sale.

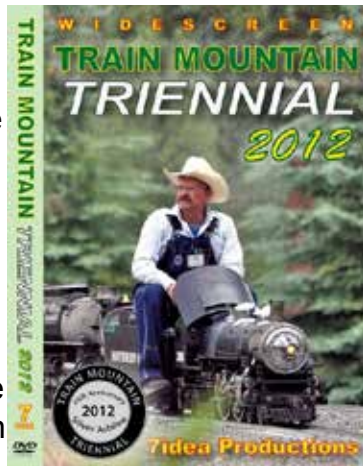
Prices reduced! Lots are located in an established subdivision just a few minutes from Train Mountain. Home owners association provides free water and well maintained all-weather roads. Lots range in size from .7 acre to .25 acre, all lots have phone and water to the lot, 1 has power to the lot, power close by the other 3 lots.

Cash or short term contract.

Priced from \$7,000 to \$8,500 (below tax value).

Call owner at 360-673-2277 or 360-703-7063.

The terrific video that Aaron Bentsen from 7Idea Productions shot at the 2012 Triennial is available through the main office at Train Mountain. Give them a call at 541-783-3030 and get your on the way to your place. It's \$30 for the video and \$3 shipping and handling lower 48, \$4 S&H for all others. A most enjoyable video shot by a true video artist and of course our favorite subject, Train Mountain!



Our good friend Jim over at Discover Live Steam has also placed ads for us on his terrific website, thanks Jim. www.discoverlivesteam.com

Did you see the great article and front cover story from the January / February 2013 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading? It is a most complimentary article about the facility and the great gang of folks that hang around the place and put on terrific live steam train meets. Pretty cool! www.livesteam.net/home



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1/4 Page: \$40/month or \$400/year

1/2 Page: \$70/month or \$700/year

Full Page: \$125/month or \$1250/year

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Wanted SW1500 Loco

(Looking for a unit similar to image on the left)

Rail Systems type with Vanguard 16 hp V-twin-hydraulic pump and motors, prefer with powered slug/riding/engineer's car.

I hope to find a unit on the way to a spring meet at Train Mountain from Victoria Canada or within a days drive of TM.

Please email Photos and details to bwigen@shaw.ca.

(Please put SW1500 in the subject line.) Or phone Brian Wigen at 250-652-7920.

For Sale: \$125,000!

Cozy 550 sq. ft. cottage on beautiful wooded 10 acres with breath taking views of Agency Lake. Close to Train Mountain



Railroad and Crater Lake Park.

Contact Crater Lake Realtor,

Cindi Combs, 541.891.3580.

FOR SALE :

Uintah #50 and Water Car #023, 7½ gauge, 2½ scale, propane fired

PRICE: \$65,000

TRAILER ADDED: Additional \$3,000 (trailer specifically set up for engine and water car)

WILL BE ON DISPLAY AND RUNNING AT THE 2015 TRIENNIAL

For Information contact Kevin Shuler at 801-502-6647





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Kla-Mo-Ya Casino

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541-783-7529 or 1-888-KLAMOYA
www.klamoyacasino.com

Kla-Mo-Ya Casino opened in 1997 and is owned and operated by the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Tribes. Set in the beautiful pines of Southern Oregon, we are located on Highway 97 near the junction of Highway 62 (Crater Lake Highway).

We are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and welcome travelers and groups from across the country year round.

Our Peak to Peak Restaurant is open 24 hours a day, with a full service lounge and beverage service available out on the gaming floor. Choose from great menu items like juicy steaks, classic salads and pastas, or try our beefy Triple 7 Burger if you are *really* hungry. Dine in or take out, we have a host of friendly staff to serve you. Check out our current menu from the Dining page of our website, and watch for monthly special features. The Peak to Peak restaurant welcomes groups, meetings or parties for special occasions.

Open from 7am to 9pm, the Espresso Bar serves a wide variety of espresso and coffee drinks, hot or cold, as well as fruit smoothies, frozen yogurt, desserts, and quick to-go lunches.

Our gaming floor has 344 slots with new games and themes being brought in all the time. Find out about our current slot promotions and check out recent jackpot winners on our website and Facebook page.

Try your hand at one of our four Blackjack tables. We offer double deck and six-deck blackjack with \$3 tables available every Monday. Keep up with promotions and tournaments available by checking our website.

Hours of operation:

Weds & Thurs: 12 noon – 8pm

Friday through Sunday: 12
Noon – 12 Midnight

(closing times may vary depending on play)

Stop by the Bonus Club to sign up for a free membership card to earn rewards and qualify for our many promotions and giveaways. While you are there, browse through the unique selection of items in our Gift Shop.

RVers, Truckers and large vehicles are always welcome, with plenty of free overnight parking available. Stop by the Bonus Club to ask about discounts and perks.

Come enjoy the warmth and excitement of Kla-Mo-Ya casino.



Crater Lake Junction Travel Center

34005 Hwy 97 N
Chiloquin, OR 97624
541-783-9800

The Crater Lake Junction Travel Center opened for business in 2010, and is owned by the Klamath, Modoc and Ya-hooskin Tribes. Open 24 hours a day and located just next door to Kla-Mo-Ya Casino as you enter, this travel center offers competitive fuel prices and many convenience items.

Travelers can fuel up with gas, diesel, or propane. Stop in for a snack or soda, or grab a quick meal featuring Mexi-Go or Mountain Fresh Pizza. Free Wi-Fi, a comfortable lounge with large screen TVs, laundry and shower facilities, and ATMs are all available.

Make sure to ask for a Crater Lake Junction Travel Center rewards membership card so that you can earn points for each purchase and visit. Your earned points can be applied toward future purchases.

Truckers, ask about trucker services and benefits for each visit. Convenience items and truck accessories are for sale, along with many useful daily provisions.

Crater Lake National Park

Crater Lake National Park is located off Highway 62, just 34 miles from Kla-Mo-Ya Casino and the Crater Lake Junction Travel Center. After playing and fueling up, discover the world-famous beauty and amazing history of Crater Lake. Groups and parties, ask about casino shuttle service for your outing or adventure.

Shuttle Service to and from Train Mountain

Kla-Mo-Ya Casino and the Crater Lake Junction Travel Center are also offering a free shuttle service for Train Mountain Members, Guests and Visitors.

Train Mountain people should see the TM Office for more details as we get this service implemented.