



The Mountain GAZETTE

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER? IT'S BEEN REALLY BUSY AT TRAIN MOUNTAIN!

In fact, it's been so busy the Gazette is late - again! You'd better get used to it until we get more help in the office and with visitor tours.

Being busy is not a bad thing, as the tourists are helping Train Mountain pay the operating expenses through their donations. The new signs are really working. See the article and pictures below.

The new signs are working so well we really need volunteers to be docents during non meet times. When a visitor has an enjoyable experience TM receives help in the form of a donation. If a visitor receives a train tour of our museum, the donations increase exponentially. The more donations TM receives, then after operating costs are covered, the more "stuff," like steel rail, plastic tie material, etc., we can buy to improve and expand. And don't forget capital improvement projects like expanding the Blue Caboose RV park, improving Six Acre and South Meadow.

Help us take care of the visitors and their donations will help us make Train Mountain a better place for everyone.

In general, a lot of happy tourists and train enthusiasts are having a good time at TM this year. The membership numbers are up, the meets have been very successful with great attendance. All-in-all, it's a very good year at TM thanks to all the hard work being done by everyone to make Train Mountain the place to be.

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

SECRETARY POSITION FOR TMRR BOARD

Qualified candidates may apply to the TMRR Board of Directors (“BOD”) for nomination consideration. Pursuant to the present bylaws, the BOD nominates the candidates to be placed on the ballot, and then the TMRR membership makes their choice in an election.

This is a working position and candidates must have Internet access and an email account, as most BOD business is conducted via email discussion and email voting.

Candidates must be qualified, able, and willing to complete the duties of the position, which include the annual filing of documents with the Secretary of State and other government agencies, and the general duties of the secretary of a 501c7 members non profit corporation. Candidates must also be a current member of Train Mountain Railroad and be willing to attend all the meets.

Because this position requires candidates to have specific skills and knowledge, the BOD needs to ensure that the applicants are qualified to do the job before they will be nominated for the election. To properly vet the applicants, they will be required to submit a written statement containing their qualifications and experience that would allow them to properly discharge the duties of the Secretary of a 501c7.

Interested members contact Jeff Mills, Nominating Committee Chair, at 253-740-6013 or jhmills51@hotmail.com.

Rail Tour versus Train Ride

This year we have been making a concerted effort to develop a truly museum style tour system at Train Mountain. We have had a successful Walking Tour in place for some time and also a hit or miss Rail Tour of sorts for some time. With the new highway signs going in the visitor traffic has significantly changed and so we must get our act together and make the Rail Tour side of the program more defined.

For some time I have been working on a Rail Tour booklet, a Rail Tour Stops list, and a general overview of the program. What we want to do is get more of you, our members, involved in this program. We have a simple little briefing we give, take you for a ride with some visitors so you can see how its done, and then off you go.

These are not train rides. You will stop at each of the Rail Tour Stops and give a little speech (YES, it's a talking GIG) ask questions of the visitors, and answer questions from the visitors. We are currently doing tours at 10:00 and 2:00. Each tour varies in length of time but seems to work out to be about an hour and a half for each tour.

To help sweeten the deal, TM Institute has given the program a very nice 'reward' for those wishing to learn to be a docent and help give the tours. The reward? How about a free week in one of the Central Station rooms! The free rooms must be arranged in advance, and will be on a space available basis during non event times.

We have docents during the workweeks and meet weeks, what we are looking for is trained docents for those in between days. This is a Monday through Friday program.

If you think you might possibly be interested please come into the office on your next visit and let's get you going.

Russ Wood - AKA: Rail Tour Instructor

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Campground / RV Etiquette

Camping and RV'ing at Train Mountain can be a lot of fun if we all remember the rules of camping. Train Mountain is YOUR park, please help maintain it. The simplest camping rule is "leave it cleaner / better than you found it".

Here are some suggestions from the National Park Service regarding Camping Etiquette.

Noise

Quiet hours are posted in most campgrounds, typically for a range of time (such as 10 p.m. - 6 a.m.). While some people like to stay up late, others like to get up early. Be courteous to your neighbors and observe the quiet times. Use the time to enjoy a symphony of natural sounds. However, courtesy does not end when quiet hours do, so keep in mind that others are sharing the campground as well, and see that your fun does not get in the way of others' fun.

Light

Most campgrounds do not have regulations regarding lights in your campsite, but consider how your lights affect others who may be trying to sleep or enjoy the darkness a campground can provide. Keep lights shielded and pointing down. You may want to turn it off completely so you can enjoy that beautiful night sky.

Personal Space

Please note that it's considered rude to enter or pass through another occupied campsite site without the occupant's permission. Likewise, you should not set up parts of your campsite that encroach on your neighbor's site.

Cleanliness

Leave your campsite cleaner than you found it. It sets a good example for others and discourages animals and insects from looking for food. Throw your garbage away in the campsite trash cans, replace the lid, or take your garbage to a **DUMPSTER** each night. Don't clutter up your site with 'stuff', keep it clean and neat so others can enjoy their time at the park.

In regards to trash, during the Triennial we may have garbage service but for the other 35 months we are responsible for our own garbage. If the can is full DO NOT remove the bag and leave it on the ground next to the trash container. The critters very quickly attack the bag and we have trash everywhere. Take it to one of the dumpsters. There are dumpsters at Central Station and next to the Motor Pool.

Train Mountain Dog Policy

In keeping with the Etiquette theme here is the Train Mountain Dog Policy for your review.

Nice dogs are allowed on Train Mountain property, problem dogs are not.

1. Problem Dogs may be banned from the property by agreement of both TMRR and RRI.
2. Dogs must be on a leash excepting when they are secured in a railcar.
3. Dog owners must pick up their dog's poop and dispose of it properly.
4. Dogs must behave in a quiet and orderly manner. Those who frequently bark or yap will be banned from the property.
5. Only Service Dogs will be allowed in Central Station or any of the following areas: Living Quarters not on long term lease, areas where food is processed, meeting areas, or office spaces.

Safety for the Battery Powered Trains

Russ Wood as a member not the BOD

At the very beginning here let me state this is just my opinion and does not come from the board or anyone else, sooooo, PLEASE no hate mail! OK, here we go, I love all the really cool sounds coming from the battery powered units, they all sound terrific: EXCEPT – for one very important sound feature of all of our miniature trains – THE HORN - WHISTLE. With my windows rolled up in my auto or truck and coming up the road approaching the grade crossings I CANNOT HEAR those sound system horns. The folks running the trains are doing nothing wrong. They are giving the proper signaling for the grade crossings and are ASSUMING I heard that sound and that I will of course stop at the grade crossing. This is not always the case.

My suggestion is when running here at Train Mountain you might want to consider either installing a separate automotive type horn for signaling (temporary or permanent) or maybe get one of those hand held air horns. There are only a couple of crossings where this is the case such as those by the Blue Caboose Campground and the Motor Pool but even so, we certainly don't want to hurt someone.

Again these are just my thoughts on this subject; I have a battery powered steamer with a nice whistle that cannot be heard so I will be investigating this myself. Please Be Safe.

Greetings from Joyce at the front office:



It is finally warm and sometimes downright hot here now! Gosh, summer at long last!

Busy, busy, busy times are upon Train Mountain Railroad and Railroad Museum. First was the oh-so-fun Narrow Gauge Meet with lots of attendees. Then came the school field trips – two straight weeks full of them! (Thank you SO MUCH to everyone who volunteered for those!!! All of the children simply love you!)

Shortly after the field trips the highway signs went up and have been directing lots of travelers and tourists into the museum. It's been so busy that Russ Wood and Tom Watson have had to help out in the office here and there with them all.

We could really use a volunteer docent to greet visitors, especially between 9:00 AM and noon on weekdays and with an emphasis on the word "really". Please call me if you can help.

A sampling of where our visitors have come from this month include Poland, Hungary, UK, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Texas, California, Ohio, Virginia and Utah.

A few weeks ago our website and business emails were hijacked and all went down. The majority of the website has been restored. Business emails have not been revived and are beyond recoverable. If you need to contact us, my email is on the front page of the Train Mountain Railroad website or you can call the office at 541-783-3030.

Tom Watson, Russ Wood and I were invited to sit in on a class given by Collier State Park representatives while they met in the Hall of Flags at Train Mountain's Central Station. The class was on how to enforce park rules. While it was geared mainly for the park rangers and their assistants, there were several key points applicable to our park setting and museum. The training was excellent and we all learned a lot. Recently I found it necessary to apply a point that was taught. It successfully resolved a heated situation and left everyone smiling. A special thanks to Todd at Collier State Park for inviting us!

Members are near 600 and the membership continues to increase with new members and renewals coming in.

Come in to the office and read the thank you notes and letters we received from two of the schools and a visitor. See one sample on the next page.

If you are coming to the Operations Work Week and/or Meet, see you then!

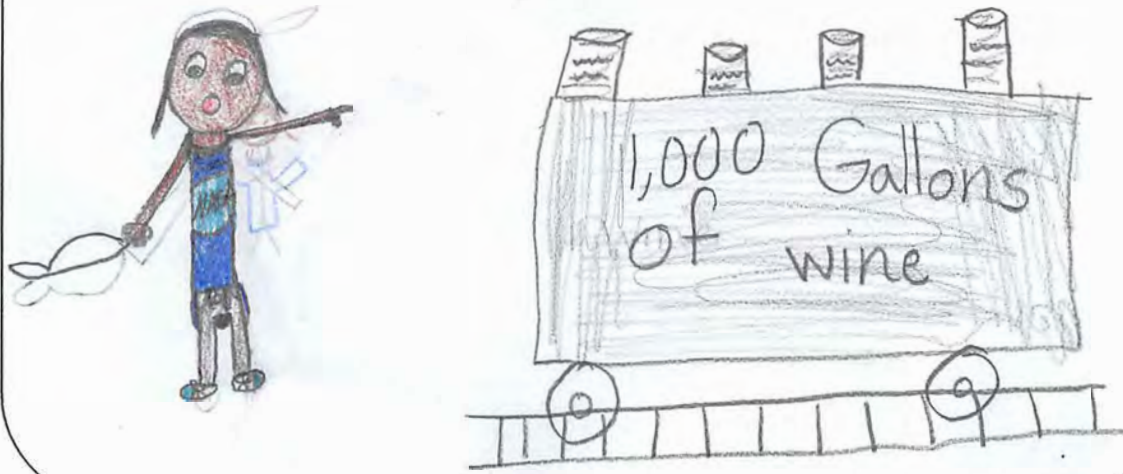
Joyce

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Name Olivia

My favorite part - seeing a train



At Train Mountain I learned

At Train Mountain I learned that it took 30 years to build Train Mountain. I also learned all the safety rules. I also learned that they do special events on holidays.

I appreciated

I appreciated that the men drove us in the trains. I also appreciated that they answered our questions. I also appreciated that they showed us all around Train Mountain.

I wonder

I wonder how they power up the trains. I also wonder how long those men have been working there. I also wonder how much money they spent to build Train Mountain.

I AM NOT A ROBOT!

There have been a few changes made to the member's site, specifically where payment information is entered. The most noticeable change is that we have added a question asking if you are a robot. You check the box and depending on a bunch of things, you may be asked to choose from a set of pictures. You may be asked to click the pictures that show street signs, or click on pictures that show store fronts. It seems silly, but the questions and challenges are carefully crafted and updated by Google, and have an amazing success rate at determining if the entity pressing the keys is a real person or a computer program ("robot") trying to gain access.

The technology is called "CAPTCHA", or in our case "reCAPTCHA" and is quickly being the standard for online protection against robots, which pose a real problem to web sites. This is replacing the (to me) very irritating practice of trying to figure out what letters and numbers they are showing in fuzzy text. If you have questions or problems getting around the new challenge (or if you are a robot!), feel free to give Joyce a call in the office.

Dale Furseth

"the computer guy"

REPRINT because We still need Meet Coordinators

Meet Coordinators by Chris Donhost

For all of us that like Train Mountain, we could easily list 100 different reasons why it is an awesome place. In fact, Train Mountain is such an amazing facility that people come from all over the world to experience "The Dream" every three years at the Triennial. A new chapter has emerged since the passing of our founder, and more than ever the individual member is critical to keeping the dream alive. Our collective interests, combined with our personal experience, are what Train Mountain needs to survive. No matter what experience you bring to the table, there is a place for you at Train Mountain. Currently, we are in desperate need of Meet Coordinators to help with one (or more) of the 7 meets held each year. Being a professional event coordinator is not required. What would be helpful is a person that likes to plan ahead, is organized, and can communicate well with others. Are you ready to take your Train Mountain experience to the next level? Don't just come see, but be a part of the dream! We need YOU to take part in the mission, in order for Train Mountain to live on for your enjoyment, and for the future generations of the live steam hobby.

First Impressions – Highway 62 and 97 Museum Signs



When one makes a plan and tries to execute it it is based on some base line assumptions. When Quentin asked to me to investigate getting Train Mountain some signage on our main highways locally we had some basic assumptions to use as our guide.

So assumption #1 was that you would contact someone in authority (ODOT Oregon Dept of Transportation), ask permission, fill out the forms, pay the money, and wolla, like magic the signs would appear. Well we know that didn't happen.

Fast forward 7 years, yep seven. ODOT changed some of the rules regarding highway signs. Good news, right? Well by this time we were tax exempt 501(c)3 and so of course we didn't qualify under the new revised rules!

Fast forward 3 more years. Tom and I worked with Discover Klamath, Travel Oregon, Oregon Travel Experience and every agency we could contact to convince them we were good for Oregon, Southern Oregon, and little ol' Chiloquin. Travel Oregon did a financial study and as it turns out we really do affect the local economy, especially during the Triennial years.

So after all that, we finally got permission, paid the fees, and had the signs installed.

Assumption #2 was that the many travelers that drive those roads might like to STOP and see what we were about, but only if they could find us! So about a week and half ago ODOT installed the signs one late afternoon. **THE NEXT DAY** the result was way more that we could have ever expected. We let the visitors do our regular Walking Tours, and also we invited them to go on our new Rail Tours. Result for first complete day of signage, \$174 in donations!

So that's all the good news regarding the signs.

Assumption #3 we figured as the public 'found us' we *might* get busier in the front office and around the Central Station complex! Well this assumption caught us completely flat footed. The Front Office (AKA Joyce) was hammered. The line was out the front door most mornings. All of this is in addition to her regular tasks of running Train Mountain (you know baby sitting us with all of our never ending questions).

So that's the bad news so far. It really is a good, fixable problem! Primarily we are under staffed in the office. Secondly Mike and Marry have been real troopers handling most of the Rail Tours (sometimes 4 or 5 a day) while the locals handled all of the 300 plus school kids that came that same week!

The good news bottom line is, we need volunteers to work the store during the week, we need help in the front office during the week to act as meet and greet for the museum, and we need to train few more Rail Tour guides for the Rail Tours.

THE SIGNS ARE WORKING!



Containerville Report

The refurbished containers, complete with roll-up doors installed, have arrived. The container supplier did a really great job on the door installation.

There are still some storage containers for sale. They are \$5,000 each with roll up door. If purchased, you would own the container but would be required to pay an annual storage space fee. This fee for the full year in 2017 is \$375. The fee would be prorated from time of occupancy. The contracts and rental information are available from the office. You can make a down payment on a container for \$2,500. Full payment would be required when your container is ready for use.

Notice to all Members

Due to security concerns, the Gate Code for the Train Mountain Main Gate was changed after the Triennial. Any Member planning to arrive at Train Mountain when the Office is closed will need to contact the Office prior to arrival to arrange to get the new Gate Code.

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.

Train Mountain EMAIL

Is presently out of service. Please contact Joyce via email at trnmtn.joyce@gmail.com

The Gazette EMAIL Notice IS PRESENTLY OUT OF SERVICE. Until the bulk email service is restored, the Gazette will be published on the Train Mountain website around the end of each month without email notice.

<http://trainmtn.org/tmrr/pages/gazette/gazette.shtml>

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, and **YOU** are liable for them until they sign a release. 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)(Summer - 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM) Monday through Friday. To arrange other hours visitors should call the office at 541-783-3030.

PUBLICATION DEADLINE:

Submissions to the Gazette must be received by the 15th of the month of publication.

The fifteenth of the month is to be the last day to submit material. Material received after the 15th of the month may be held until the following month or rejected.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA

Articles and ads may be submitted via a pdf file, MS WORD, Open Office, or similar text file.

Please use a common open source FONT such as ARIAL that can be displayed in all Browsers, and is easy to read. Please do NOT use the Calibri font, as we must take the time to convert it to Arial.

If your document has an embedded image, you must also include the image separately as a jpg, png, or similar image file.

Train Mountain Library News

We are looking forward to the upcoming Operations Meet. The Library is hoping to get a complete set of all Operations Meet Guides from the start - 2005. We still need 2005, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2012. Can you help us?



The Library will be open during the meet. Come up and see us and take a look at our current Operation Lifesaver exhibit. Don't forget to sign the guest book. Kids of all ages can play the TM caboose scramble and train tangram puzzles.

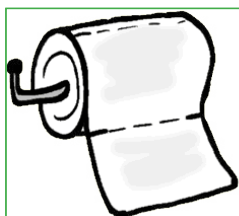
Lee and Toni Brooks delivered the Live Steam collection of Hugo Meisser and we have integrated them into the periodical section.

Volunteer Hours Reporting

Dale Furseth has worked his techie magic on the member's part of our website again. You can now report your monthly volunteer hours online. From the Train Mountain Railroad home page, click on "Online Member Resources: Join Train Mountain: "Register for Meets", then on "Enter Volunteer Hours" or go there directly with this link: https://trainmtn.org/tmr-members/Member_VolunteerHours.aspx

Choose your name from the drop down menu, enter your total hours in the box that matches the month you are reporting your hours for and click on "Update Information" to submit them. So-o-o simple! We hope you enjoy using this new feature.

Please submit your volunteer hours. If you work off site or at home on Train Mountain projects - these hours count.



REMEMBER: No job is complete without the paperwork!

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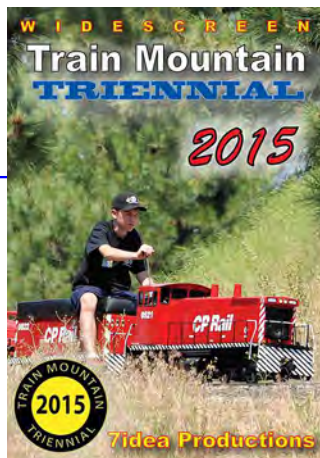


CLASSIFIEDS



2015 Triennial Video is available now!

The 2015 Train Mountain Triennial video from Aaron Bentsen at 7Idea Productions is now available through the [Train Mountain on-line store](#) or the main office at Train Mountain. Give them a call at 541-783-3030 and get a copy on the way to your place. It's \$29.95 for the video and free shipping and handling lower 48, \$6 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 placed ads for us on his terrific website, thanks Jim. discoverlivesteam.com

Did you see the great article and front cover story from the November / December 2015 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading? It is a great article covering the 2015 Triennial. and the great gang of folks that hang around the place and put on terrific live steam train meets. Pretty cool! web: livesteam.net



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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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What is Amazon Smile?

In a nutshell, it is a way for Train Mountain to receive 501c3 donations from Amazon.

According to Amazon: AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

When you go to Amazon Smile, choose Train Mountain Institute as your charity. In order for this to work, you must always start from Amazon Smile. Then all else is the same, your account, wish lists, etc. Also available is a direct link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-4031025> for the TMI account.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. I found that just about everything I purchased lately is eligible.

If we can get a large number of Train Mountain supporters to take advantage of the Amazon Smile program, this could result in sizable donations to Train Mountain.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Kla-Mo-Ya Casino

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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

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Chiloquin, OR 97624
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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, schedules, and special events.