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We all have come into this hobby for all kinds of reasons. Some of us just like building stuff, some just like running stuff, and some just love trains, but . . . I don't think any of us joined because we just love manual labor! So a group of members decided we did not have enough Work Weeks this year so they added a new one attached to the Fall Colors Meet. The purpose was one of strictly manual labor! Dale and Bill had spent a month or two of trimming out the dead and fallen stuff located at Aspen Grove. That's the start of the manual labor, next came the "Un-Official" Work Week for the cleanup and stacking of burn piles of all of the cut debris. We had a ton of worker bee's for the second part of the manual labor. The Grove looks great! What a terrific idea and the execution of a terrific idea! Well done all!

While all this was going on some signaling work got done, some radio tower work got done, some new hardware for one of the entrance gates got done, we even had a crew round up the fire extinguishers and Apache back packs to get them out of the weather that is fast approaching. I had the opportunity to go for a rail cruise on Saturday and there were many trains out enjoying the fruits of all of this labor. All those involved should be very proud of their hard work, truly a labor of love! Thank you all.

Registrations for the 2022 Train Mountain International Triennial started on the first of October. The Steering Committee will be posting more information as we go along the path to the Triennial so read your Gazettes, check the Train Mountain website and even check into the Facebook page to keep up to date. We want everyone to have a great time including all of the volunteers so check in often and thanks for giving us a hand.



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From the Desk of Train Mountain Railroad President - By Jeff Mills

The Fall Colors Meet completes this year's activities. The weather was great for running the tracks. Mother Nature cooperated by keeping the rain and sub-freezing temperatures to late night or early mornings. These low temperatures resulted in the deciduous tree leaves turning yellow and red for a brilliant display.

The meet was a big success and well attended. While there was not an official Work Week quite a bit of important work was accomplished. The Wonder Bread Mafia led by Matt Thomas and Dale Furseth, with support from Bill Shepherd and cadre of volunteers, made a clean up of Aspen Loop. You can actually see the ground now, rather than all the "dead-fall" common in an Aspen Grove. Later, this group pulled some troublesome track panels and dug out large pine root balls. They also did trim work on the Panama Canal Track.

Another group, lead by Leonard Houpt and Gil Dominguez, dug out and re-laid about half of the track at Hope Circle. The plan is to complete the work this spring. Leonard also plans improvements to Hope Circle but more on that in a future article.

During this winter, the Track Shop lead by Dennis Ward will be manufacturing track panels and switches. Dale Furseth will be laying replacement track on Sharon's Short Cut and Lucky North and the interchanges of these routes. This replacement will be the last major stretches of track with wood ties.

We are in countdown for the 2022 Triennial. Registration is open and the registration fees will go up on January 1st. Register early to take advantage of these lower fees. Early registration helps us in many ways and allow our organizing committee to better commit to supplies and services. We are preparing information pages on specific subjects. These will to be sent to those who registered for on-site camping, propane or electric equipment or as handicapped. Some of these documents will include what to bring and what to expect. We will continue to update this information as the countdown progresses. Watch for articles in the Gazette. These information sheets will also be posted on the Triennial page of the TMRR website. In the far-left column look for "TM Triennial". Please take time to read these documents with important information.

As for Track Assignments, Dean Willoughby plans to publish the track assignments at least once a month on the "Train Mountain Group" Facebook page starting November 2021. He will also e-mail this information to all train registrants in a timely manner. If you have not received yours within 1 month of registering, please send all track assignment inquiries to tm.trackassignment@att.net.

Our goal is to make your Triennial experience the best yet. This will be the Seventh Triennial and Train Mountain has gained a lot of experience in hosting an International Event of this scale. Please keep in mind there will be many first timers along with our more experienced attendees. Please take the time to be helpful and most importantly, be patient.

In closing, the TMRR Board would like to extend an enormous "Thank You" for all the work accomplished this year by our dedicated volunteer corps!

Train Mountain Triennial
Work June 11-19 2022
Meet June 20-26 2022

October Report

an article by Dennis Ward—Track Superintendent

Well the Fall Colors meet has come and gone. While there is no official work week during the Fall Colors meet a lot of work was accomplished. Forest debris remediation in Aspen Grove was the main focus and most if not all of the dead wood was cleaned up and made available for firewood or controlled burns. Work was started on reopening Hope Circle and Crane Siding water stop was made available again.

Robert Stevens has been very busy disassembling the used track. There is a lot of used aluminum rail available for sale a \$0.50 per foot. We have thousands of board feet of used Port Orford cedar ties avail for free as are the used screws and tie plates.

Our plastic tie material finally arrived on the 8th of the month so Charlie Bill Schubert and I, with help from Dale Furseth, have been busy building track panels. While awaiting the tie material, Charlie and I built switches to replenish the switch inventory. With all the track replacement which went on over the season the switch inventory was depleted.

Track replacement continues as long as the weather permits. Since the Big Build last month, Dale and Bill Shepherd have replaced several hundred feet of the old wooden tied track. If the weather holds all of main track should be on plastic ties by the end of the year. All that is left to do is Sharon's Shortcut and the track from Midway Circle to Red Ant Junction, track that I refer to as Lucky North.

I want to reiterate—used aluminum rail is available at Train Mountain for 50 cents per foot. Used tie plates and track screw are free. As are the used Port Orford cedar ties.

Why I Want/Need to be a Triennial Vendor

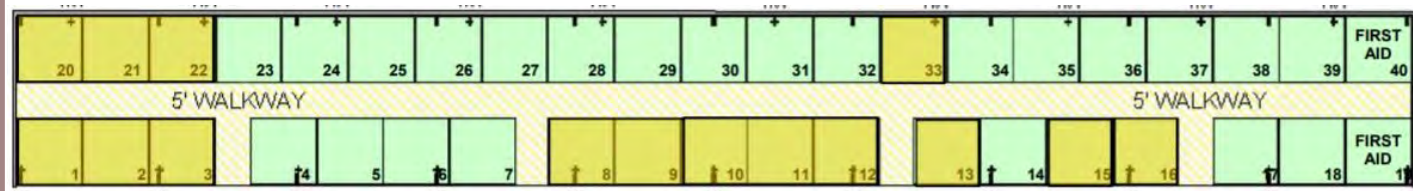
Russ Wood

This is an important repeat article. My hope is that you as members that are planning to come to the Triennial will pass this information on to your favorite vendors.

Attending vendors need to be reminded that those that attend also represent their local clubs and groups of live steam enthusiasts. 2018 saw members from 44 states and 11 countries. Sales may not be brisk during the event but experience has shown that those that were introduced to products at past Triennials eventually became customers of those products. Most attendees will have fully loaded vehicles just to get to the event and may not have room for that new box car or caboose or whatever. BUT when they get home and have that van or trailer empty!

So make sure that you remind your vendors that they need to bring lots of handouts, price sheets, signup sheets for those reservations for future deliveries, etc. Anyhow you get the picture. This is *their* opportunity to meet *their* customers face to face and spend some quality time with them. We already have a few vendors that are anxious to come and show you all of their really cool goodies .

The Vendor Barn



Triennial Parking Plan Update

By Dean Willoughby, Parking Plan Committee Chair
Written October 12, 2021

From the Parking Plan Guru. As you read this, the registration for the triennial has been open for about two weeks..

For those of you bringing equipment it is important to register early and provide an accurate length of your train. As in previous years, parking space becomes a premium closer to the date of the meet. I do not want to say that the closest location to park your train is Sacramento. Electric locomotives are outnumbering the steam locomotives and slowing approaching the same with the internal combustion locomotives. For those of you with electric locomotives, if you have a generator and plan to use it, please let me know.

Those of you that are coming as a group and wish to be located close to each other, again let me know. I will e-mail the track assignment PDF file at least once a month beginning in November. All assignments are subject to change until the first week of June. The track assignment file will also be posted on the Train Mountain Facebook Group. In the group there is a file called 'Sidings, Storage, and Container Tracks,' that list the siding number, length and location. The e-Mail address for track assignments is as follows; tm.trackassignment @ att.net.

I am looking for an under study to help during the meet so if I am unavailable you can make assignments as necessary.

Example of worksheet is shown here

2022 Triennial Track Assignments

Track	Length	Facility	Name	Request	Train	Length Needed	Special	Left Over
Main Yard Long Sidings								
30	668							668
31	139							139
32	53							53
33	262							262
34	142							142
Main Yard West Ladder								
41	Yard Lead							
42	58	Ladder E						58
43	58	Ladder E						58
44	60	Ladder E						60
45	61	Ladder E						61
46	63	Ladder E						63
47	65	Ladder E						65
48	67	Ladder E						67
49	66	Ladder E						66

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Triennial Committee Chairs as of October 2021

By Jeff Mills

Firstly, I would like to thank all the people who have come forward to chair a committee. These committees are extremely important to the success of the Triennial. The main function of the Chair is to recruit, train and make sure your volunteers have covered their shifts. We do not encourage Committee Chairs to do all the work in that committee.

Daily volunteer reports will be generated from the sign-up sheets in the Triennial Office. With these, you will have a good idea of what the next day's requirements will be.

All Committee Chairs will have the full support of the Volunteer Coordinators and Management of Train Mountain.

We still need for Chairs for:

Arrival Check In
South Meadow Camp Host
First Aid, Parking
Security
Post Triennial Clean Up.

We are currently contacting the First Aid Chair from 2018. If you are or know of a Registered Nurse or EMT that would have an interest in this position, please contact me.

I am maintaining the official list of Committee Chairs and if you have an interest in any of these positions, please contact me via e-mail oldcatd399@hotmail.com or use my cell number on the back of your meet name badge. Please refer to list that follows this article.

Committee	Chairperson
Arrival Ck in	OPEN
Back Shop	Woody Lewis
Camp Grnd Host 6 Acre	Peter Wood
Camp Grnd Host Blue Caboose	Kevin Sherer
Camp Grnd Host South Meadow	OPEN
Carpentry Shop	Bill Kludt
Communications	OPEN
Equipment Maintaince	Richard Cox
Engine Shuttle	OPEN
Fire Safety equipment	Jeff Mills
First Aid	OPEN
Fuel Yard	Ed Ackerman
Garden Railroad	Denny Ediger
Infrastruture Repair	Jerry Crane
Library/Infromation	Sabra Rickman
Packet Preperation	Pam Williams
Program	Russ Wood/ Pam Williams

Committee

Parking

Safety Video Viewing

Security

Shuttle vans / golf carts

Signal Maintenance

Steam Engine Safety Inspection

Track Repair mobile North

Track Repair mobile South

Track Assignment

Train Inspection

Trash Pick up

Train Game

Train Shuttle

Triennial Office

Triennial Dvd

Unloading/ loading /Staging

Vendors

Website

Yard Master Main Yard

Yard Master Central Station Yrd

Post Triennial Clean up

Chairperson

OPEN

Kirk Devine

OPEN

OPEN

John Cooper

Ken Olsen

Joe Simon

Mark Flinton

Dean Willoughby

Jeff Pape

Jim Moore

Steve Eddy

David Savage

Pam Williams

Aaron Bentsen

Ken Burns

Russ Wood

Tom Watson

Richard Croll

John Cooper

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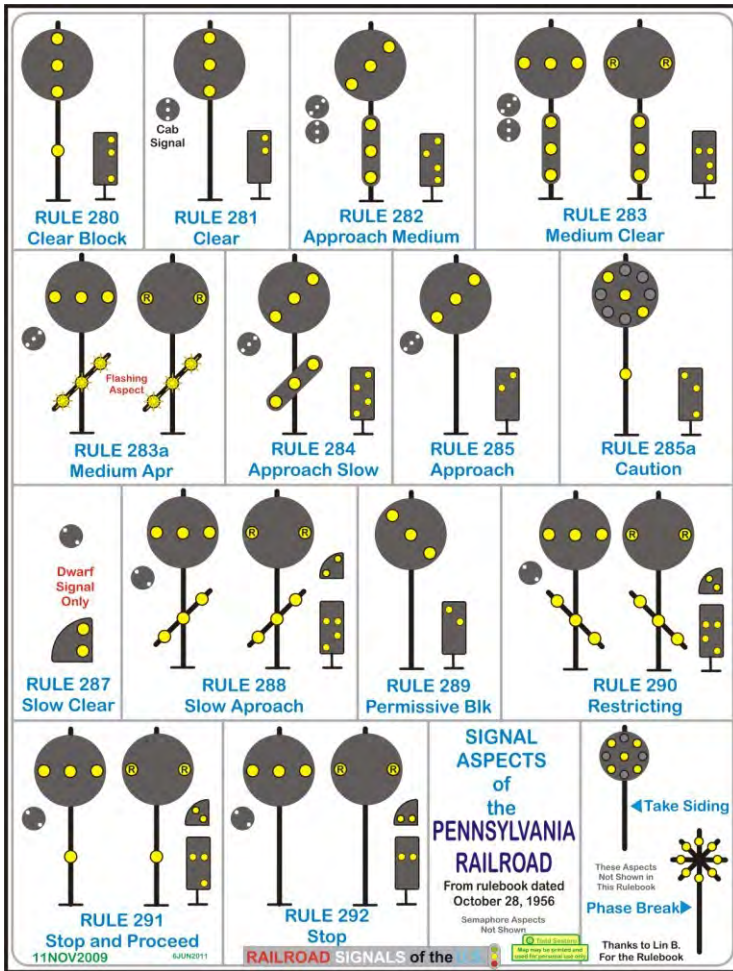
From the Signal Maintainers

John Cooper

The PRR position light signal project is moving along. The signal along the bunk cars at MP1078 is now operational and integrated into our signal system. The face plate for the upper arms has been installed. Blanks to cover the unused openings are being fabricated, as is a face plate for the lower arm.

The signal near the west end of the yard has had its heavy components mounted on the mast. Thanks to Luke Connor and the Genie lift for this. It still needs to be wired and have conduit buried to bring in 12v power.

Accompanying Photo Caption: PRR Signal 1078 displaying Clear: Proceed.



Ed Note: These guys are really doing a great job, serving two purposes, first our Museum Mandate and of course Operational Safety having a fully signaled railroad.

2022 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule

	Polar Bear Train Meet	Spring Awakening Train Meet	Narrow Gauge Train Meet	Triennial Train Meet	Operations Train Meet	Big Build Train Meet	Fall Colors Train Meet
Work Week	none	4 /30 to 5 /5	5 /21 to 5 /26	6 /11 to 6 /19	7 /23 yo 7 /27	9/3 to 9 /8	none
Meet	1 /14 to 1 /16	5 /6 to 5 /8	5 /27 to 5 /29	6 /20 to 6 /26	7 /28 to 7/31	9 /9 to 9 /11	10 /7 to 10 /10

Greetings from Joyce at the front office:

Our mornings and afternoons are being very chilly. The days have not been very warm either. Day-time temps have been in the 50's and 60's or less. We are getting some much needed rain today which is great.

There was a great attendance for the Fall Colors meet. All of the parking lots were full and the meet had a great atmosphere. Matt Thomas arranged an unofficial work week with a number of volunteers which took place the week before the meet. Lots of work was done on cleaning up Aspen Grove and on other things, too. Thank you to all of the volunteers.

The Foster Kids annual event took place a few days ago after last year's break. It was great to have them here again. Thank you to David Savage, Russ Wood, Leonard Houpt, Dale Furseth, Marcia Furseth and John Merwin for running trains and volunteering to help make this a successful event. 2022 Triennial Pre-registrations have passed the 100 mark! You can register online, by mail or in the office. Please note: if you are bringing a train you must renew your membership for 2022 before your train can be included in your Triennial registration form or online.

2022 Membership renewals are also flooding in and have passed the 100 mark. Renew online, by mail or in the office. You can also register online for next year's Triennial.

I need to cut this article short so that it can be included in this month's Gazette. Happy Fall! Do well and take care.



Listed below are some of the documents that may help you on your pending Triennial visit. These documents are live and are subject to change. As we get closer to the event check in often and see what the latest information is. Thanks again for your patience.

[Registration Form](#)

[Campground Policy](#)

[Battery / Electric Policy](#)

[Steam Engine Policy](#)

[Handicap Parking Policy](#)

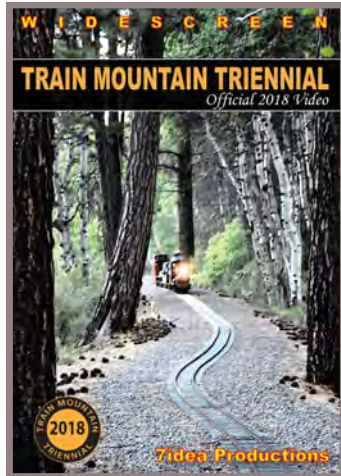
[Load / Unload Policy](#)

[People Shuttles Policy](#)

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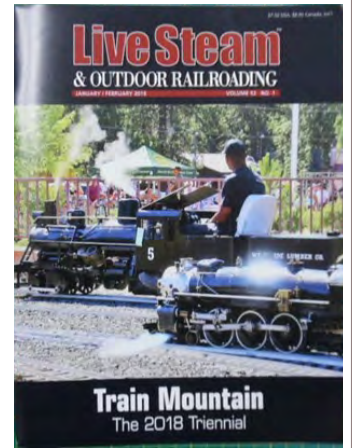
2018 Triennial Video Now Available

The 2018 Train Mountain Triennial video from Aaron Benson at 7Idea Productions is now available. You can order online at the link shown or you can call the office at 541-783-3030 to get your copy. This is a most enjoyable video created by a true video artist and of course it just happens to be about our most favorite subject! The cost of the video is just \$29.95, quite a bargain!



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 January / February 2019 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading? It is a great article covering the 2018 Triennial. and the great gang of folks that hang around the place and put on terrific live steam trainmeets. As an added bonus there is a photo album by member Michelle Moore! How about that! Pretty cool!



Crater Lake/ Train Mountain Vacation Rentals

Crater Lake Chalet

Located on Hwy 422, only 1 mile off Hwy 62 and 2 miles from Hwy 97 in the Chiloquin area. This house is at north end of Train Mountain and contiguous to Train Mountain.



This comfortable house sits on 35 beautiful acres. 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Can sleep up to 6 people.

Panoramic View Ranch House / Crater Lake

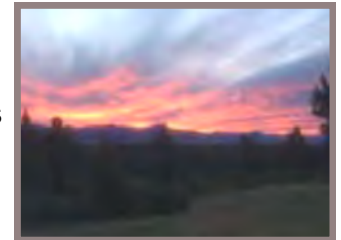
This ranch house is located on Hwy 62, and attaches to the west side of Train Mountain.

The 56 acres, panoramic views of Agency Lake and



the Cascades. Enjoy a peaceful and private experience. 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.

Can sleep up to 8 people.



For more information please call: **Julie 415-756-3943** or **Mike 415-420-9026**
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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 Yahooskin 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 food to go or you can eat it there, Free Wi-Fi, a comfortable lounge with large screen TVs, laundry and shower facilities, and ATMs are all available.

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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!

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"

NOTICES

Gazette 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

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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.

Visitors to Train Mountain and YOU:

Train Mountain is very popular and is continually attracting visitors from throughout the world. We announce that our hours are from 9:00 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 when 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

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.

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.](#)

New Gate Code

Due to security concerns, the Gate Code for the Train Mountain Main Gate may be changed at any time without notice. Any Member planning to arrive at Train Mountain when the Office is closed will need to contact the Office prior to arrival to ensure they have the current Gate Code.

Get New Gate Code—Call Office 541-783-3030

