

# The Mountain GAZETTE

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## April

We jokingly use the saying, “if you don’t like the weather here, wait 10 minutes”! But I don’t think the Kitsap folks think it’s quite so funny! They showed up to help get the park up and running for the new season, and yep, you guessed it! The weather was a lot of snow, of wind, and a little rain! So they were forced to work indoors all week. They fixed a lot of plumbing issues, a little upstairs demolition work, and many more necessary repairs. Special thanks goes out to the Kitsap Krew.

We are quickly approaching a new record for attendance for the upcoming Triennial. With this many trains and people we all need to exercise some patience. Many attendees are here for the first time and may not know where things are, how to get from one place to another, or just want to see a smiling face attached to someone who can get them some answers.

We have many volunteer positions open that need a warm body to work a two hour shift. Many don’t require special skills, just a smiling volunteer to help out. Make sure you check into the Event Office at the turntable side of the Hall of Flags / Central Station. Give them your name and phone number and when you are available. They will get you signed up and we really do mean it when we say thank you for your help. Without you the volunteers it just would not be possible to have a few hundred members and their trains come to the park and have a great time!

Next up is the “Spring Awakening”. And Oh Boy can we use a spring cleaning. Because of weather related issues the only cleanup is what Debra has done around the main top area. The rest of the railroad needs raking, hauling, paint touch up, new signage, re-stripping the parking areas and other areas, etc,. You all know the drill, if you can make the work week that would be terrific. Many of the jobs will require trains and train operators so it could also be a lot fun! Please come and help us clean up YOUR park for the 2022 season and of course for the Triennial.

One more reminder, please, please, try and stay calm and cool and show a little patience with us and your fellow members. We are doing the best we can and we are volunteers just like you.

Two Work Weeks, Two Meets, and 57 Days and then it’s party time on the Mountain. With a little help from all of us, it is sure to be a lot of fun for all! Thanks.

**Train Mountain Triennial  
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Meet June 20-26 2022**

**57  
And  
Counting**

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**April 2022**

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

April finds us one month closer to the Triennial VIII and preparations are in full swing! Dale Furseth and the Wonder Bread Mafia had their own Work Week and replaced all the aluminum track around Blue Caboose Campground and started the replacement track around Ellingson Turn Table. Their next area of focus will be the track around the Fuel Yard.

The Hope Circle Picnic Shelter is progressing. The lumber for this project was milled onsite from cedar logs harvested from the 242-fire area cleanup. Roger Rude, Gil Dominguez, Curtis Hoopes and Leonard Houpt are leading this project and the timbers and boards are being prepped for construction. Once we get better weather, building the structure will continue.

The Kitsap Live Steamers showed up for the Kitsap Work Week and brought SNOW with them! The weather forced us to concentrate on inside work. It also left us short on attendance. Even so, Ken Olsen, John Bartlow, Jerry Crane, Kirk and Nancy Devine, Pam Williams and Jeff Mills made the trip from Washington State.

Our accomplishments include the erection of a Gantry Crane in the Backshop which was tested by lifting a 1500 lb. locomotive off the floor and onto the elevated tracks. The demolition of the bathroom in the upstairs Loft was quite a feat. It included the removal of a two-person hot tub. Repair of broken pipes due to freezing in the outside handicap Restrooms involved a lot of plumbing work and dedicated efforts by Ken and John.

Some things to keep in mind for the upcoming meets. Please attend the morning briefings to get the most efficient use of valuable volunteer time. Please remember to log your volunteer hours. If you use a hard copy volunteer hour log sheet, please complete one for each person. Better yet, go to the website and record your hours online! This is done by selecting Online Member Resources then select enter Volunteer Hours. These recorded hours are essential to many grants' non-profit requirement for a co-payment.

Please be welcoming and flexible with our activities to take advantage of the opportunity to make new friends and rekindle relationships. First-time attendees to Train Mountain are a potential resource to our membership. We expect a significant increase in visitors at the Visitor Center and Tour Trains always need additional volunteers for Meet & Greet, Conductors and Docents.

When your day takes you around our park, please look for things that will make our facilities and grounds look better. Start with the simple items; make sure litter is picked up. Needles and other forest debris are removed. If some piece of equipment looks like it needs to be cleaned or painted. report it to the volunteer coordinators. These little things are important to maintaining our image as a World Class destination. All of our members bear a responsibility to their Train Park.

We look forward to the Spring Awakening work and meet weeks to get started on the rest of the jobs that are needed.

Our volunteers are greatly appreciated. Their hard work will make 2022 our best year yet!





## HOPE SHELTER PROJECT APRIL UPDATE



Wood wood wood..... carving out the wood! The Hope Shelter Committee (HSC) has been busy carving & fabricating the milled wood into beams & posts over at the carpenter shop, in the motor pool area at Train Mountain. All vertical beams are complete, and half of the beam ties are complete. This lumber has also been properly treated.

All the steel, the nuts, bolts, washers, lags and the wood stain have been purchased. The rafters and roofing material still need to be ordered and purchased. The cement work still needs to be done, also.

If interested in donating to the Hope Shelter Project, please mail a check (made out to Train Mountain) to: PO 438, Chiloquin, OR. 97624. Please make sure you note on the check the donation is for the Hope Shelter Project.

Volunteers for this project will also be needed. If you are interested, please contact Gil Dominguez via email: [gilnjanet@mac.com](mailto:gilnjanet@mac.com) or via phone: (916) 616-3949.

Thank you!



## Greetings from the front office

Just when I was starting to get used to wearing my lighter spring clothes, the weather turned. We have been getting more snow and colder weather. It was back to the winter gear again. As much as I was enjoying the warmer sunny days we were having, the precipitation is a good thing. We can really use it here.

If you are coming to the 2022 Triennial, please sign up to volunteer. There are many areas that need to have shifts filled. When Quentin Breen first came up with the Triennial, he determined that if **everyone** who attended volunteered at least two hours all of the bases would be covered and everyone could have a great time. It was just expected that all of the adults would volunteer for their shift. It takes a little in excess of 1,200 two hour slots to have everything covered. Though the first Triennial was held at the turn of the century, the same holds true today. The number of attendees determines how many two hour shifts are needed from each person. So, for example, if there are 600 adult attendees, each would need to fill two of the two hour shifts. If there are a little over 1,200 adult attendees, then each would only need to do one two hour shift to have everything covered. It helps with everything Triennial for everyone to sign up for their shift or shifts early. Please get in communication with Danny Chamrad who can let you know which areas need filling and help you sign up. That way no one will be stuck volunteering over 60 hours throughout the entire Triennial in an area just so everyone else can have a good time. Remember they too have paid to attend and that many hands make light work. Those who don't sign up to volunteer now can still do so at the Triennial, but it is a HUGE help to sign up now. [djcir@hotmail.com](mailto:djcjr@hotmail.com)

With regard to the above and in case you don't know, Train Mountain is manned primarily by many very dedicated volunteers who work diligently to make Train Mountain the wonderful place that it is.

Outdoor projects for Kitsap Work Week were blocked by the cold and snow so the Kitsap crew kept mostly to indoor projects. They enthusiastically and industriously went to work on repairs to the east side Central Station restrooms, moving the heavy nonfunctioning refrigerators out of the kitchen, repairing two more toilets and doing a lot of tear-out to prepare the Loft for a shower stall replacement. Though some of this work will be completed later when parts or replacements arrive, they accomplished tons during the Kitsap work week.

Visitor traffic picked up considerably during the warmer Spring days we were having and the trains started running for the rail tours again. Last year we started running the tour trains in May, so the first part of April was an early start for this year. Last week's weather cut the visitor traffic to almost nil with just a few visitors still coming in. The weather conditions put a hold on running tour trains again, but all will resume when the weather permits.

The company store still needs volunteers to run the store during the Triennial. This is an area that is not on Danny's list. Contact the Business Office at 541-783-3030 if you are interested.

Our condolences go out to Leonard Houpt and his friends and family. His wife, Mary, passed away earlier this month.

We hope all finds you well this Spring and look forward to seeing you all here.

## Attention Triennial Steamers - Ken Olsen

If you are bringing a Steam Engine to the Triennial, a Steam Engine Safety Inspection will be required. Obtain the description and Inspection Checklist on the [Triennial Information](#) Portal on the TMRR website. You will need to display the 2022 TMRR Steam Engine Inspection Tag to run at the 2022 Triennial.

If you'd like to get a jump on that requirement, we will be offering those inspections during the Narrow Gauge Meet from May 21<sup>st</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup>. The Inspections will be operating during the Work Week as well as the Meet week of the Triennial.

To schedule an inspection or ask questions about this procedure: contact Ken Olsen 206-718-9401 or [kaolsen6501@outlook.com](mailto:kaolsen6501@outlook.com).

## 2022 Triennial Passport Game Information - Jim Helwig and Sabra Rickman

“Sly Fox and Birdie” are the characters featured in Operation Lifesaver materials. Since Jim H. and Sabra R. are past and present representatives for Operation Lifesaver, respectively, it seemed logical for Train Mountain to partner up with this organization in putting on the Passport Game for this Triennial. In addition, 2022 happens to be the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Operation Lifesaver!

Russ Wood is creating a wood statuette of “Sly Fox and Birdie” to be placed in a different location along the Train Mountain tracks for each of the five days of the Passport Game during the Triennial.

You must sign up and receive a passport to take part in the game and to be eligible to win prizes. Beginning at 7 am on Monday, come to the event table located near the Triennial Office, register and pick up your passport. Then go out on your train and spot the “Sly Fox and Birdie” statuette. Take your picture by the side of the famous “duo.” Now, shhh. . .keep the location secret! Return to the event table by 4 that afternoon to have your passport stamped and to receive a ticket for that day’s drawing (4 pm each day). If you are a winner you have until 4 pm the next day to pick up your prize.

But wait! That’s not the half of it. Grand Canyon Railway Adventure is waiting for you! One can become mesmerized by the beauty of the canyon and the Colorado River, winding its way through the canyon washing away the soil. Did you ever wonder how this vast canyon was formed? This Adventure is a way to actually find out! Those of you who find “Sly Fox and Birdie” each of the 5 days and report back will automatically be entered in the final drawing which will be for two tickets to ride the Grand Canyon Railway!

We could use a couple volunteers to help. Thanks.



### April Report

an article by Dennis Ward—Track Superintendent

Since my last report the Wonder Bread Mafia (Matt Thomas, Karl Klontz, Craig Cootsona, and Abby Thomas) led by Dale Furseth completed replacing the aluminum track around the Blue Caboose campground with steel rail on plastic ties. In the process they removed a large quantity of roots which tend to make the track very unstable. This group followed up by tuning the track between Hilltop Crossing and the road crossing at the upper end of the Blue Caboose loop. This in turn was followed with upgrades to the yard at Central Station. They replaced three aluminum on wood switches with aluminum on plastic switches. They also replaced several feet of wooden tied track with track built on plastic ties.

The Central Station yard project is ongoing but Dale plans on completing it when and if the snow goes away.

In the track and switch shops Ron Green continues to assemble track panels while Charlie Bill Schubert and I have been replacing wooden ties with plastic on switches we are recycling. Charlie has also machined a few more guard rails to go with the remainder of the previously machined steel switch components.

The used aluminum rail is selling fast but there is still a lot remaining. This is a good deal! We are now bundling the rail in groups of ten sticks (approximately one hundred feet). It sells for \$50.00 per bundle. We also have used tie plates, screws and wooden ties FREE to a good home. The ties are currently being loaded on to pallets for easy loading onto your pickup or trailer. All items here are only available at Train Mountain. We cannot ship or deliver. Upon payment we will set your order aside to await your pickup.



## Train Game: Admin Role The Game Within The Game



PFE 64278

Type: Refer  
Color: Orange  
Length: 40 ft  
Weight:

Tracker ID: 44  
Last Updated: 06:39 3-10-22  
Battery: 3.48 V  
Solar: 0.00 V

Most of us know by now that one of the functions of the Train Game is to manage GPS trackers, a database of cars and a website to provide the control and dispatch of Switch Lists and individual car movements for fun and entertainment for everyone. The TG offers full time (seasonal) access for anyone operating their trains at Train Mountain, to use the website for both an informational database about TM as well as The Game manager that offers up “jobs” for Rail Operators to move cars between industries at Train Mountain. The website is full of maps, track layouts, photos and live camera views of all the facilities on our 2200 acre layout. Of course the TG Database keeps track of every movement and tallies points for the person moving the cars in the form of TG\$. No matter what your game, you will know who the winner is.

So what could go wrong? We are not even going to speculate here but we do have a plan to help deal with it when it happens. In addition to the Rail Operator role in Train Game, the role of Rail Admin is available for anyone interested in learning more about the Train Game and working locally and/or remotely to help manage the system and keep the fleet running. The TG system will generate Admin Jobs to correct issues that are beyond the

scope of the regular Rail Operators. For example, “**Find the missing car PFE64278. It was last seen at Lillyville**”. The tasks are more complex but they pay much better in TG\$. It has been suggested that this role should be called Rail Ops Bounty Hunter. The bigger the problem the Admin fixes the richer and more famous they become. In the game that is.

Only Rail Admins see the Admin jobs when they log in. If the Admin is available then they can accept the job in the same fashion as a Rail Operator accepts a movement job. The Admins will have the information and training to keep the game running smoothly. One other requirement of an Admin is that they are willing to get notifications of Admin requests via email or text message. This can be set up to be only when they are near the TM property or anytime.

So there is a game for everyone in the Train Game. And even if you are not playing, the TG website has a mountain of information and help. The Train Game Rail Ops goes into service during the Train Mountain Spring Awakening Meet at the end of April. Please come join us for the Meet and also help us kick off the Train Game.

Our website is still under construction but all members are welcome to connect and check out how we are doing. Please log on and even create a user account. <http://tower.tmr.org>. Try it from your mobile device or PC. The site is fully functional but the cars are not really there. There is no



Help page yet so just wander around and try everything. We are in test mode so nothing matters.

If you are interested in helping with the Train Game development and/or ongoing support then please contact Steve Eddy at [tmtraingame@gmail.com](mailto:tmtraingame@gmail.com).



## Safety Video Viewing - Kirk Devine

While you are here helping out during the Spring Awakening or Narrow Gauge meets, you can view the Safety Video in the Hall of Flags. Otherwise here is the Video Showing schedule during the Triennial Work Week and Meet. Remember to get your sticker for your badge, because no sticker, no running of your train.

### Work Week June 11 through June 19

- Saturday June 11 through Thursday June 16- Shown after each morning meeting.
- Friday June 17 and Saturday June 18 – Shown Morning 9, Afternoon 1, Evening 7
- Sunday June 19 – Shown Morning 9, 11, Afternoon 1, 3, Evening 7

### Meet Week June 20 through June 26

- Monday June 20 and Tuesday June 21 – Shown Morning 9, 10, 11, Afternoon 1, 2, 3, 4 Evening 7
- Wednesday June 22 and Thursday June 23 Shown Morning 9, Afternoon 1, Evening 7
- Friday June 24 – Shown Morning 9, Afternoon 1, Evening 7

## 2022 Train Mountain Operations Meet

By Richard Croll, Trainmaster

Plan now to attend the 2022 Train Mountain Operations Meet. Preparation for the meet will be July 23 through July 27. Operations will start Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and continue through sometime on Saturday, July 30. Final cleanup and sorting will be done Sunday, July 31.

This is always a popular event at Train Mountain and offers something for everyone. This is a great opportunity to experience the entire track at Train Mountain and to take advantage of all the hard work that has been done the past several years on the railroad. Come join us, see your old friends, and make new friends. We especially like to see new faces joining us.



If you have not participated in the Operations Meet before, here is a brief description of what it is all about. The railroad will be operated like a full-size railroad with a dispatcher and manned tower. Passenger trains run according to timetables and pick up and deliver “passengers”. Freight crews will set out and pick up freight cars all over the railroad. Points will be accumulated by the crews, and the top crews will be acknowledged. For those who want a more leisurely experience, we offer the option to run as a second-class train without any work to do, or schedule to follow except being out of the way of scheduled trains.

If you plan to attend and have any freight cars not previously used that you wish to add to the inventory, please send a picture of the car to Jim Armstrong at [Armstrong.jandg@gmail.com](mailto:Armstrong.jandg@gmail.com). We welcome additional cars. They should be available to us on Monday or Tuesday of the work week and will be returned on Sunday.

Volunteers are always needed before, during and after the operations. During the early part of the work week, we need people to help with car inspection, car sorting, and on Wednesday we need crews to take the freight cars out and spot them to their initial location. During the operation itself, we need help with the freight office, dispatch, and tower. Sunday, we need plenty of help sorting the returning cars starting first thing in the morning until we finish hopefully early in the afternoon. Please consider helping for at least a couple of hours in one or more of these jobs. They can be a lot of fun.

If you have any questions about the Operations Meet, or would like to help in any way, please contact me at [railroc66@yahoo.com](mailto:railroc66@yahoo.com). Thank you.





## Home with Track Access to TM for Sale

By: Jerry Crane



The Friends of Train Mountain is now selling a home near Train Mountain that has access to its main line track. The home is located on **3.78 acres** of land with a **double wide house with sun porch, detached garage and large shop building**. There is an easement to the home, on a gravel road, that connects to highway 62. A 7 1/2" track loops into the property that connects to the TM main line near dam 3.5.

Friends of Train Mountain will be taking written bids of this property on June 30, 2022. The asking price is \$360,000. Jerry Crane will be at all of the spring Meets and the Triennial and will be conduct tours of the property when requested. You can ask him for more details by emailing him at [info@tminst.org](mailto:info@tminst.org).



To learn more about the property please visit the Klamath County Tax Assessor's web tax lot finder map at

<https://kcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=664411956da94614a80be24849b74c1b>

and enter **218623** into the search window. Clicking on the shown parcel will display details about the property. If you click on the forth down button in the upper left corner of the screen and chose Imagery you will see an aerial view of the property. You can see the track looping on to the property in the middle of the south property line.

### 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	<del>none</del>	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

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# Equipment ID Tags for the Triennial

By Jeff Mills

Train Mountain has printed Equipment ID Tags we expect participants in the upcoming Triennial VIII to use. These TAGS will allow us to identify and contact the owner if it is necessary. These tags will have a wire for attachment and can be easily removed once the event has concluded.

One is for Train **Hauling Trailers**. The second one is for **non-steam** Locomotives. **Locomotive** tags will be in the **packet** you receive at Check-in, but the **Trailer tags** will be issued by the crew at **Staging**. Examples of the tags follow.

Please take the time to fill them out and attach each to your equipment. We prefer the trailer tags to be attached to the hitch tongue and the locomotive tags attached to the **left side** of the loco.

Steam engines will be issued a Steam Engine Safety Inspection Tag at completion of the steam engine inspection. Those will be of a different color so each tag can be easily identified by the Safety Inspection Station upon entering the Main line.

Additional or replacement Trailer or Loco tags will be available at the Triennial Event Office. Cooperation with TAG requirements will make Triennial volunteers' jobs easier and benefit everyone in attendance.

ATTACH TO ENGINE  
**NON-STEAM ENGINE IDENTIFICATION**

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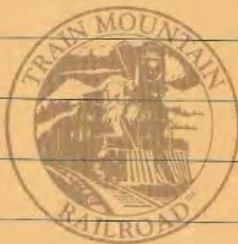
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Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Track Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Road Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Road Number: \_\_\_\_\_



ATTACH TO TRAILER  
**TRAILER IDENTIFICATION**

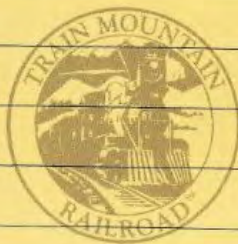
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Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate Number: \_\_\_\_\_



**STEAM ENGINE SAFETY TEST CERTIFICATE**  
ATTACH TO ENGINE

Road Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Wheel Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ISSUED BY: TRAIN MOUNTAIN RR, INC

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_


Road Number: \_\_\_\_\_

MAWP: \_\_\_\_\_ PSI, Hydro: \_\_\_\_\_ PSI

Safety Valves set at: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ PSI

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_ Auth.Mbr

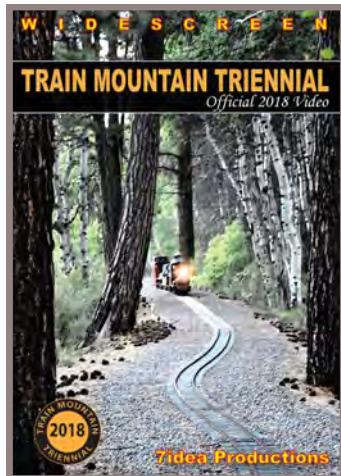


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**Memorial Day weekend**  
**Saturday May 28th 2022**  
**Hours 10-3**

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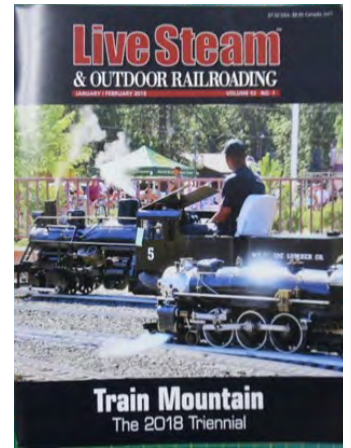
## 2018 Triennial Video Now Available

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](http://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.



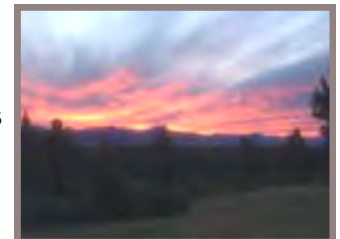
This comfortable house sits on 35 beautiful acres. 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Can sleep up to 6 people.

### 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**  
**10% off for train mountain members**



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**Good Food**

**Friendly Folks**



## 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 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.

**WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS**  
**DON'T YELL AT ME, I AM A VOLUNTEER!**



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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**

Articles and ads may be submitted via a pdf file, MS WORD, Open Office, notepad, or similar text file attached to an email. **The email SUBJECT line must include your article title and a date.**

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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.

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## **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**



