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May The sky is falling; the sky is falling! Oops! No, wait that's just more snow! As the very tired Spring Awakening attendees were driving out the front gate, the snow came falling down once again. Perfect timing I'd say!

In the last gazette I used the term *approaching* record attendance and that seemed to bother some folks as the numbers are down from 2018. However this is Train Mountain and regardless of the final count the 2022 Triennial will be the world's largest gathering of gasoline powered locomotives, the world's largest gathering of propane powered locomotives and of course the world's largest gathering of battery powered locomotives for 2022. Accompanying these fine trains will of course be a large number of your fellow hobbyists. So hopefully this statement will not cause the bean counters any stress!

This past work week was a mixture of some good weather and some icky weather. That did not detract from the excellent work done by the attendees. There was indoor work done, some much needed track tuning and maintenance work was done, raking and pick up work done, wood tie track replacement work done, some rail equipment work done, and the visitor center gave tours (weather permitting)! Quite a good body of work I'd say.

Next up is the Narrow Gauge Work Week and Meet. This will require more of the same types of work that was done during the Spring Awakening. We need to tidy up the park and get it ready to host the Triennial. We will also have some administrative jobs as well. The registration packets need to be packed full of the goodies needed to put on the big event, things like badges, brochures, flyers, maps, etc,. Pam is in charge of the that really big task so she might like a little

help! There are little jobs like touching a spot of paint or two that would really help the appearance of the park. Please come and give us a hand on getting YOUR park ready for YOUR Triennial event.

The Vendor Barn is fully subscribed and all of your needed railroad goodies will be on display from our favorite vendors. Drop by and say howdy, place your orders, and make them welcome. BTW the Porta Potties are starting to arrive just for this special event.



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

Join Train Mountain Now! Register or Join - https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/Member_Portal.aspx The Mountain Gazette Page:1 May 2022

From the Desk of Train Mountain Railroad President May 2022 By Jeff Mills

We are less than a month away from the long-awaited 2022 Triennial VIII (June 11th to 26th). Get your registrations in before May 30th. Fees will increase substantially before the Triennial. Check out the Triennial Information on the TMRR.Org website. Lots of new information has been added. Please use this resource before calling the Office with your questions. The Narrow-Gauge work week (May 21-26) will be vital for Triennial Preparations.

We still need committee chairs and co-chairs for 4 committees: Parking, Security, So. Meadow Camp Host and First Aid. We have several volunteers signed up for these committees but need the leadership that a committee chair provides.

As of May 14th, there are 686 Adults and 150 Children registered. These participants are bringing 344 pieces of scale railroad equipment. This is our largest gathering of 7.5" gauge equipment and a great opportunity to view and experience all the skilled labor that goes into the creation of these wonderful operational scale models.

Safety has been brought to my attention. Recently a member witnessed a member using Back Shop equipment in an unsafe manner. He mentioned his concerns to the member working, only to be brushed off by said member. All members are responsible for safety so if you are approached by a member with a safety concern, please listen, and correct the unsafe condition. Many of us have extensive industrial experience where safe practices were taught and practiced. Please make good use of others' education and experience.

Bill Kludt, who heads up our Woodshop, is looking for a person to lead volunteers in a reconstruction of the Blue Mountain Coal Structure. This person is not needed to do the whole thing alone. He or she would be needed to recruit volunteers, procure materials, and establish a time schedule for phases of the project. This will be a rewarding project. This structure is a show piece of the Scale Buildings at Train Mountain and is highly visible to members and visitors.

During the work week and Narrow Gauge Meet we will be preforming Steam Engine Inspections and will have showings of the Required Safety Video. These are requirements for the Triennial and will put you a step ahead of others by choosing to do these during Narrow Gauge Meet. The Triennial Safety Stickers will be attached to your Triennial Name Badges and Steam Engine inspections Tags will be issued.

Due to poor wet weather during the Spring Awakening Meet we did not complete necessary work as expected. However, the Fuel Yard Track Replacement was started raking, and clearing of Forest debris got underway. The Idaho Mafia Crew accomplished significant track maintenance. All these efforts despite the poor weather are *greatly appreciated* by all of us.

For those of you have never been to the Narrow-Gauge Meet (May 27- 29), it draws the most Steamers of all our meets except the Triennial. Come and check us out!



Train Mountain Needs Some Volunteer Help

By: Jerry Crane

Train Mountain Institute has five volunteer positions that need to be filled.

- Computer Aided Design (CAD) Operator. This is a job that someone that has CAD experience can do primarily from home. TM has its maps and other items stored digitally using a CAD program. We need someone to keep our information up to date and to produce new maps files that we can use with our large format printer. All of our files are in .DWG format.
- **Gazette Editor.** We are losing our current Gazette editor soon and need a replacement. You would collect articles each month, put them in order and send them on to others for distribution. This job could be done from home.
- **TM Equipment Inventory Control.** The individual maintaining our TM inventory of 7.5 gauge equipment has given up this job because of health reasons. This volunteer job can be done with minimum visits to TM.
- Electric Panel Schedule Creation. TM has an Electrical Panel Schedule for every one of our main and sub electic panels. Most have not been filled in. This volunteer would (with help) complete these schedules by flipping switches. No electrical work is involved. This job can be done with minimum visits to TM.
- Equipment Maintenance. This volunteer working with the TM Equipment Inventory Control volunteer would maintain TM's 7.5 gauge equipment. They would complete this job doing some of the repairs themselves and by soliciting and directing the help of others to make repairs.

If you would like more information about the different jobs contact the TM office and they will put you in contact with someone with more detailed knowledge of what is involved.

Why is your Triennial Name Badge Important? By Jeff Mills

Obviously, it identifies you as being registered for the Triennial. It has your name and hometown on it. It also shows if you are member, a guest or family member. **But it contains so much more!**

At a board meeting we were amazed by the number of attending members present who never looked at the back of their name badges. On the <u>reverse</u> side is some <u>critical information in</u> <u>case of an emergency</u>.



Association:

Train Mountain's physical address is in the upper left box. In the right box, is **Jeff Mills', Jerry Crane's and Tom Watson's cell numbers**. They are President of Train Mountain Railroad and President of Train Mountain Institute and Train Mountain Administrator respectively. Dropping down to the middle box is the **phone number of** the **Train Mountain business office, the FRS channels** for your required radio as well as the **cell numbers** of the **Triennial Volunteer Coordinators**.

Please take the time to look at the back of your badge and <u>add</u> at least the <u>Train Mountain office</u> <u>phone number to your cellphone directory</u>, if you have not done so already.

Greetings from Joyce at the front office:

This past month has been one of crazy mixed up weather including snow, rain, hail, high winds, gentle breezes, cold, warm, sunshine, clouds and you name it—sometimes all mixed up in a single day. "If you don't like the weather now, just wait."

The Spring Awakening work week and meet had a good attendance despite the crazy weather. Once more a lot of work got done by many fantastic volunteers, though hampered some or a lot by the weather. The Saturday night spaghetti banquet was nice and nicer yet, we were able to hold it indoors (a good thing since the weather was not so nice that evening.)

The Narrow Gauge work week and meet are only a few days away! Hopefully, the weather will be more cooperative for everyone who comes to volunteer and have fun!

And, holy cow! The Triennial work week starts in less than a month! Much preparation is in progress with a good number of hands busily working away at that. My life here in the office is at full-pace-plus and that "plus" can be expected to go to plus-plus-plus as the Triennial gets even nearer and begins. I think that is true for the majority of our volunteers as well.

We have a couple of volunteers for the company store during the Triennial now. We are still looking for more. If you want to volunteer in the store, please call me at 541-783-3030 Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM. As a reminder for others who will be volunteering for other Triennial positions, Danny Chamrad is your man for volunteer sign-up: djc2jr@hotmail.com

Visitor and Harvest Hosts traffic are continuing to pick up. We even have a school field trip coming up very soon as well as a Scout project day.

The swallows and other varieties of birds are back and so are some of the small critters.

2022 Memberships are at 502 with 914 members including all primary and family members. Since it is a frequently asked question, at present there are approximately 420 Triennial registrations. Of course, that means that there are lots more people registered within those registrations similar to the membership count and total number of members. I will leave the reporting of just how many for someone else for the time being. The total number of registered people may be at least two or more times the number of registrations, though.

The Triennial rates go up again on June 1st. If you are planning on coming, but have not registered yet, you can still get in on the April-May rates through May 31st. Any mail-in registrations must be post-marked by May 31st in order to get the April-May rates.

How exciting that the big Triennial meet is so close now! We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Take care and have fun!



Meeting Fire Tool Requirements By Jeff Mills

The ODF and USFS requires any vehicle that operates on an improved road during IFPL Level III Extreme Fire Danger to carry the following Fire Fighting Equipment; 1 Shovel with an 8" wide blade and a handle of at least 26", 1 double-bit axe or a Pulaksi with a 2lb head and 26" handle, a 2.5 lb fire extinguisher or one gallon of water. This sounds like a lot to carry on our trains however it can be done. Our roadbeds are constructed 12 feet wide with ballast gravel covering the grade. This work qualifies our track as an improved road. The improved road must be maintained hence why our raking and disposal of forest debris is so important.

The Pulaski, shovel and fire extinguisher can be purchased from Harbor Freight or from a local hardware store. These tools are also available on Amazon many with free shipping. The shovel is what the US Forest Service refers to as a Lady Shovel. It has a shorter than standard handle. These are used by Smoke Jumpers and Tanker Crews as they are a compact size making storage and handling easier.

Train Mountain does not inspect for fire tools. However, we highly recommend them being carried. Your train could be subject to inspection by one of the local fire agencies. Failure to have fire tools could lead to fines. Per State Law any wildfire discovered on private property, the property owner or his agents must make an effort to extinguish said fire. These tools will give you a chance to comply with this law. Failure to do so will result in large fines.

We also provide Fire Gondolas equipped with 2 Pulaski, 2 Shovels, 1 backpack pump and jugs of water. These can be added to your train consist and will exceed the fire tool requirement. We request that when you are not running to return them to the location they were picked up from. This way the Fire Gondolas will spend most of their time out on the railroad and not sitting idle in the yard. These gondolas provide us with a roving fire patrol.





Train Mountain Triennial 2022 Passport Game

Where are Sly Fox and Birdie on the Railroad today? (Sly Fox and Birdie are Operation Lifesaver characters) Find us if you can. We're in "train" sight!

Rules

- 1. Beginning at 7 AM Monday, June 20, sign up at Sly Fox Table (located right outside Central Station near Information) and receive a passport. You can sign up anytime during the 5 days of the Passport Game.
- 2. Go out and ride your train and try to spot Sly Fox and Birdie Statuette which has been placed in different locations (just off the track) each of the 5 days of the Triennial Passport Game. Take a selfie with Sly Fox and Birdie. Now...shhh...keep it a secret!.
- 3. Report back to the Passport Game Table by 4:00 that day to show us your selfie. We will stamp your passport book for that day and you will receive a ticket for that day's drawing. Great prizes!
- 4. Come back at 4:00 for the drawing. Names of winners will be posted at the Table until the next day's drawing. If you can't make it by 4:00 that day, you have until the next day at 4:00 to pick up your prize.
- 5. Besides the daily drawing for neat prizes with Operation Lifesaver logo, there will be a final drawing at 4:30 on Friday, June 24th, for the Grand Prize of two tickets on the Grand Canyon Railroad. You will only be eligible for the Grand Prize drawing if you have filled your passport with 5 stamps, one stamp for each of the five days. You must be present to win at the Grand Prize drawing.

Game open to all ages. Have fun!

Train Mountain Volunteerism by Pam Williams

Volunteering at **Train Mountain Railroad Museum** has grown exponentially since we became Oregon's only zoned **Railroad Park**. The conversion from a privately owned "club" to a multi-faceted non-profit entity, including Train Mountain Institute, had some growing pains. We are realizing this place lovingly referred to as **"Train Mountain" depends upon volunteers** so it can be enjoyed by members and the public alike.

Your time is VALUABLE! It has great value not only for maintenance of the property, structures and railways but in obtaining funding from **philanthropic resources**. Volunteer hours accrued are a vital part of our **fundraising** efforts. **Grants** are not easy to get but when we do, TMI must evidence that they have a viable "workforce" of volunteers. **Logging those hours** on the website: https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/ Member_VolunteerHours.aspx or on paperwork submitted to the Main Office is essential.

The **Triennial** isn't just another meet. It's an **indispensable fundraising opportunity**! We get new and existing members, vendors, local businesses, and visitors to **come** at one time in this one place and **pay for the privilege**.

TMI and TMRR depend upon the monies collected from all those avenues to keep the doors open for the next 3 years. TMRR membership **dues are not enough** by themselves to **maintain and** hopefully **grow** this Railroad Park in perpetuity.

There are **other benefits** to sharing your time, skills, and efforts to Train Mountain. **Comradery, pride and exercising** body and mind are added **bonuses** when you attend meet work weeks or come whenever you can spare the time. It's a **WIN-WIN proposition**!

2022 Train Mountain Operations Meet By Richard Croll, Trainmaster

The 2022 Train Mountain Operations Meet is fast approaching. Make your arrangements to join us as soon as possible. If you have signed up for All Meets, please let the office know if you are coming to the Operations Meet. While not required, it does help us with our planning.

This meet closely follows the Triennial, and that means the railroad should be in excellent shape. A lot of hard work has been done on the main line and other track. The Operations Meet has always been a great way to really learn the railroad and have a lot of fun. Please consider joining us. You can see old friends and make new ones. We always like to welcome new faces to our group.

We plan on doing all the usual activities, including having a dispatcher and manning the tower. Passenger trains will run according to a timetable, and freight trains will move cars by means of printed switch lists. Points will be awarded for both passenger and freight crews. And the top performing crews will be recognized. We also have provision for those who only want to go out and "sight see" the railroad. You will get a train number and operate under the guidance of the dispatcher, tower, and timetable. What that mainly means is that you don't hold up the passenger trains and watch out for working freight crews. All crews will need a UHF radio. If you do not have one, we will have a limited number available for loan. Crews may use the FRS radios to talk among themselves.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with the setup for the meet and various jobs during the meet.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

- Monday, July 25, car inspection and first sorting.
- Tuesday, July 26, final sorting
- Wednesday, July 27, cars will be spotted to the beginning locations.
- Wednesday evening-Operations Briefing
- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday operations will take place. Starting at 1:00PM Saturday, all switch lists issued will only bring cars back to the main yard. Extra points will be awarded for this.
- Sunday, July 31st-pick up and put away cars

The success of the Operations Meet is very dependent on our volunteers. Please consider signing up for at least a shift as dispatcher, tower operator or help in the Freight/Passenger office. We also can use as much help as possible getting all the cars back up to the main yard by late morning on Sunday and getting them sorted and back to their owners or put away. As mentioned previously, we will bring cars back by switch list, with points awarded, starting at 1:00PM Saturday. The points will be awarded for switch lists turned in by 5:00PM. After that time, and through Sunday morning, all cars may be brought into the main yard.

If you have participated before, you will see one new building down at Lucky South. Thanks to John Croll, Camp Abbot now has a warehouse.

If you plan to attend and have any freight cars not previously used that you want to add, please send a picture of the car, showing the reporting marks, to Jim Armstrong at : <u>armstrong.jandg@gmail.com</u>. Cars should be available to us on Monday or Tuesday of the work week, and will be returned on Sunday.



If you have any questions about the Operations Meet, or would like to help out in any way, please contact me at <u>railroc66@yahoo.com</u>. Thank You.

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

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HOPE SHELTER PROJECT - MAY UPDATE



The Hope Shelter Committee (HSC) continues to work diligently in the motor pool carpenter shop, at Train Mountain. All timber and corner braces are complete, with the exception of the rafter and skip sheeting, which is awaiting the wood preservative/oil finish.

The ground has been graded to level at Hope Circle, and is ready for the main support brackets to be set in cement, which were welded up by volunteers during the last meet. We also have the malleable washers, thanks to a donation.

The rafters and roof material still need to be ordered and purchased, which is being worked on. The cement work still needs to be done, also.

At this current time, \$2,790.00 has come in, via donations, for this project. Thank you to those who have donated.

Interested in donating to the Hope Shelter Project? Please mail a check made out to Train Mountain,: P.O. Box 438, Chiloquin, OR. 97624. Please make sure you note on the check the donation is for the "Hope Shelter Project."

Volunteers for this project are still needed. If you are interested, please contact Gil Dominguez via email: <u>gilnjanet@mac.com</u> or via phone: (916) 616-3949. Thank you!



GOOD TO KNOW, BEFORE YOU GO!

(COURTESY OF DALE FURSETH)

I have been a member of Train Mountain for a few years, and always love running my train there. However, nothing can spoil a long-planned trip like forgotten items. You always remember the big stuff (locomotive - check, spouse - check), but it is the little stuff that can hang you up and spoil the fun. Here is my list of things I always make sure to bring.

IMPORTANT STUFF

If I am planning on running north side in the summer, Shovel (like Harbor Freight #69826)

Axe (like Harbor freight #66059)

If I am running anywhere,

UHF Radio - only one is required per train but it would be nice if your conductor had one too) Fire extinguisher (like Home Depot #1002763585) Safety chains between all rolling equipment (not doggy chains but real chains)

Whistle (police type)

Red flag (10"x10" on a stick)

Cell phone, phone charger and cables! You want to share all those selfies! Water – to drink and fire suppression

If I am running my propane fired steam engine

Current boiler certificate - Yes I can get a boiler check at TM, but if it is a large meet (like the Triennial), it may take some time, and who wants to waste run time! A current boiler certificate is required to run a steam engine at Train Mountain.

An extra-long propane connection hose if using a Train Mountain tank car for your reserve supply.

For Electric equipment, an extra long extension cord can come in very handy (put your name on it!)

If I am going to run at night, Red flashing light for your rear car Working front-facing light

If I am running at a big meet, (like the Triennial) PATIENCE, please and a Sense of humor!

STUFF THAT MAKES THE TRIP MORE FUN

Sun screen - the UV index is always high in the summer and you tend to burn fast Water for you and your passengers - it is a dry environment because of the altitude Bug spray - bugs love me, so I always remember my bug spray Band-Aids - yep - I get scuffed pretty frequently and they are nice to patch me up

Extra safety chains - I think big foot comes and picks mine up when I drop them Flashlight - it gets DARK at night (and batteries)

Camera - for pictures of new friends, remember if there are no pix, it didn't happen!

Extension cord – at least 25 ft and heavy duty enough for YOUR charger

Folding chair - I can't stand up all day anymore

Batteries - this just seems like a good idea (see flashlight).

Hat - like I said earlier - the sun is brutal and your head is closest to it, and burns fastest! Bring an ample supply of your meds!

RANDOM INFORMATION

We have three grocery stores and a hardware store in Chiloquin. The big box stores and any auto servicing is 30 miles away in Klamath Falls, OR.

<u>Special Note:</u> Be sure to put your name on everything! Our lost and found is full of very useful items that never get claimed. We can try to give them back if we know who to find!



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 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 conduct tours of the property when requested. You can ask him for more details by emailing him at 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

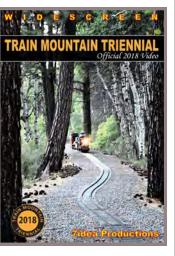
and enter **218623** into the search window. Clicking on the shown parcel will display details about the property. If you click on the forth down button in the upper left corner of the screen and chose Imagery you will see an aerial view of the property. You can see the track looping on to the property 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	none	4 / <mark>30 to 5</mark> /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



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 10% off for train mountain members

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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!

HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SELL? Place an ad in the Gazette! 1/8 Page: \$25/month or \$250/year 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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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"



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.

Please give each article a distinct file name with your name and a date. If everyone submits an article named "article for gazette" or something similar it will often get overwritten by another article with the same name when downloading. Articles sent as text in a email text will no longer be accepted.

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

Train Mountain Volunteer Hours Name: Month & Year:

Date

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/tmrrmembers/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 feature.