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Hello everyone,

It's cold out and we are wimpy, so our train fun has been restricted to N scale and wistfully looking at the Train Mountain cameras. May we recommend the TM cameras to you? They've been much improved in the last six months and can remind you of what you're missing. Dale Furseth has an entire article on them this month. We also have the second half of Danny Chamrad's fine collection of annotated camera photos.

Thinking of coming to Train Mountain soon? Jeff Mills wants you to come to the Kitsap Work Week and Dale encourages you to volunteer building track. If your window is a little further out, there's articles on the Ops Meet and Triennial to pique your interest. And of course, we have our usual message from Joyce.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2024, now is a good time and online is a good way!

To sunnier days ahead,

Lucinda Gilman and Xander Geraghty

Lucindagilman@gmail.com

2024 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule

	Polar Bear	Spring Awakening	Narrow Gauge	Ops Meet	Summer Meet	Big Build	Fall Colors
Work week		4/27-5/2	5/25-5/30	6/22-6/26	7/27-8/1	8/31-9/5	
Meet	1/13-1/15	5/3-5/5	5/31-6/2	6/27-6/30	8/2-8/4	9/6-9/8	10/4-10/7

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Train Mountain 2024 Operations Meet

Richard Croll, Train Master

It is already February, and it is not too early to start planning to attend this year's Train Mountain Operations Meet.

The work week will begin Saturday, June 22nd. Most of the set-up activity will take place on Sunday and Monday, with the operations beginning on Tuesday, June 25th, if all goes as planned.

Since we will be changing to the Train Game, or Rail Ops as it is now called, each crew will need to have at least one member registered in the Train Game site. It is very easy to do. You simply go to the TMRR website and select TM Train Game on the left column. That will take you to the Rail Ops site and the register button at the top. Just fill in the blanks.

There has been some concern expressed about participating without having a smart phone. Rest assured that we will provide alternative means to participate in the Ops meet. At the very least, you will be able to obtain a printed switch list.

I have also heard concerns about cell phone coverage at Train Mountain. I would love to hear from anyone about their experience using the Train Game, and if there are any areas or phone carriers that have dead zones. Please email my address below with your experiences – good or bad.



The Operations Meet is a very popular event at Train Mountain, and I encourage members who have not tried it in the past to give it a go this year. As always, there will be plenty of opportunities to see your old friends and meet new ones. There will be a banquet on Saturday evening.

I always welcome any comments or suggestions. Please send them to me at rcroll@tmrr.org.

Greetings from the 2025 Train Mountain Railroad Triennial Board!

Roslyn (Roz) Hawley

We're looking forward to the ninth Triennial with a dose of intense excitement, a hint of exhilaration, and a touch of trepidation – but overall, planning for the Triennial is simply wonderful. I am honored to serve as one of the Co-Chairs for the 2025 Triennial Board. For those who attended the 2022 Triennial, you may recall seeing me aboard the Alaska 1551 SW1500 locomotive.

This month we're covering volunteer tasks in the Backshop. The Backshop serves as the hub for emergency repairs, so our equipment can get back on track promptly when it breaks down. It's also a space for hobbyists to exchange ideas and experiences and help each other out. The Backshop epitomizes the spirit of the 2025 Triennial theme, "Hosting for the Hobby". I extend this invitation to everyone: whether you're young, old, in-between, new to the hobby, or a seasoned expert who could fix a steam locomotive in your sleep, consider dedicating some time to the Backshop. Find out what goes on behind the scenes and help make this crucial cog in the Triennial gear run smoothly.

Backshop tasks:

- Supervise and coordinate ongoing tasks.
- Monitor repairs on both members' and TMRR's equipment.
- Make sure tools are returned to their designated spots.
- Make sure people are using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when necessary.
- Maintain clear floors by removing debris.
- Keep Backshop tracks organized and accessible.
- Dispose of trash and coordinate with the Trash Pick Up Committee.
- Ensure users of powered equipment know how to operate it.

Please email us if you're interested in volunteering in the Backshop, or if you have questions or ideas about anything 2025 Triennial at Triennial@tmrr.org.

Until next month, keep tooting!



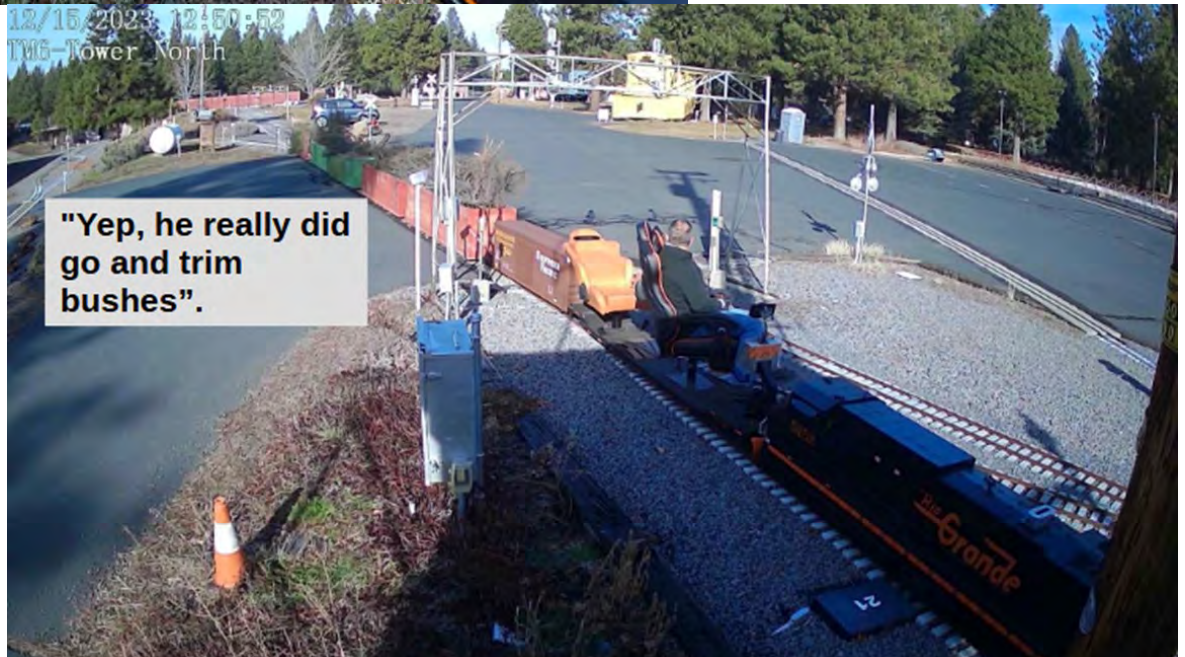
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Train Mountain Camera Views

Danny Chamrad

[Editor's note: Danny sent us so many of these we couldn't fit them all in one Gazette! We ran half of them last month and the other half here.]

I often check out the TMRR cameras to see who is riding the rails, what they are riding, and where they are riding. It's the best that I can do during this time of the year since I'm 2174 miles away from TMRR. Also, while I'm viewing the cameras, several thoughts about what I'm viewing come into my mind. As they say, An Idle Mind is the Devil's Playground. Below are some of my musings while watching the cameras.



Train Mountain Camera Views Continued

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"Any day that you can ride a train, and not rake pine needles, is a Happy Day".



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TM6-Tower_North

"So that's the banging noise that I hear on Wednesday morning at 5am."



Train Mountain Camera Views Continued



Greetings from Joyce at the front office:

Our weather has been interesting with a little snow, some slush, rain, sunshine, clouds and slightly milder temperatures for Chiloquin.

It has been fairly quiet at Train Mountain for the past few months, but members and visitors continue to trickle in and the phone continues to ring. Some of our winter visitors have been from as far away as Alaska and some of the mid-western and eastern states.

Others have been from the local area.

It seems the local members have recently been spending their time at Dana's restaurant rather than gathering at Central Station in the mornings. Every so often one of them will drop in to check up on things at the mountain.

Charlie cat continues to take me out on daily walks and Miss Maggie cat has been having some fun playing outdoors and especially with the snowman Raven built one day.

The 2024 membership count is currently at 223 memberships and 392 members including all primary and family members. This number continues to grow regularly.

Thank you to everyone who has already joined or renewed for the 2024 year! If you haven't renewed yet or you want to join, you can do so online, by mail or through the business office.

Kitsap work week will be coming up in April. It will be so great to see more people at Train Mountain this coming Spring.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Have a great month!



Train Mountain Email Address

Train Mountain has implemented a new email system using our tmrr.org domain name. Our public contact address is now info@tmrr.org. Email received at the old email address, info_at_tmrr@gmail.com, will be forwarded to the new address for the time being. Our website has been updated to reflect this change.

Kitsap Work Week 2024 At Train Mountain

Jeff Mills

The Kitsap Work Week will be from April 7th Through April 14th this year. We will be working on various projects in anticipation of the 2024 meet season. Jerry Crane will be the Volunteer Coordinator for this work week, and we will hold the usual morning volunteer meetings to assign volunteers to various tasks.

Lodgings will be provided on a first-come basis, and you may need to share a room. Camp Sites are available, but hook ups are limited.

The local residents look forward to this work week as it is a sure sign winter is over and they can recover from winter's cabin fever.

You do not have to be a KLS or TMRR member to participate in this work week; all volunteers are welcome. You will need to sign the provided liability wavier and view the TM Safety video. This is a great time to come to Train Mountain and volunteer **without** having to **pay a meet fee**.

Please contact me at oldcatd399@hotmail.com or 253-740-6013. If you need to reserve a room, please call the TM Office at 541-783-3030, Monday through Friday between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM.



On Track

Dale Furseth

This has been an interesting winter here in Chiloquin. We have gotten days with snow, days with rain, and a few days with sun – but it is always changing. We have never had long stretches of cold that freeze the ground, which means from a track maintenance standpoint, we are able to complete some fairly major projects without having the track panels frozen to the ground. Don't get me wrong – there has been lots of snow, but it generally melts in a few days and it is back to work.

The most recent project has been a switch replacement project on the west end of the Backshop. So far ten old wood/aluminum switches have been replaced with rebuilt plastic/aluminum switches, so when traveling into the yard after running thru 6 Acre, and you route into the Backshop, or route along the south side of the Backshop, all those switches in that line have been replaced. There are a couple more switches in that line to replace, but some projects at my house need to get finished first.

We also recently completed the exit to the eastern ladder in the main yard. This area is mostly used by Train Game users, when they come into the main yard to pick up/drop off cars. The train game members can now get all the way in to and out of the yard on new switches with some significant alignment improvements. We think this will improve the Train Game experience.

If you are in the area, we can always use your help. A big need right now is helping to replace the wooden ties on the old switches removed with new plastic ties so these rebuilt switches can be used to replace more switches. It is a never-ending circle.

What's spinning on the turntable?

Johnny Cash

[Like the 309](#)

One of the very last songs Cash recorded, Like the 309 is a wry, slightly macabre look at Cash's approaching death. He knows it's coming; he accepts this; but he wants to meet it on his own terms, howling at the night.



Looking good – Cameras Update

Dale Furseth

If you spend any time checking out the Train Mountain camera web pages, you may have noticed some of the great new updates. What I wanted to do in this article is to show a cool picture from Lillyville, showing the view from the newest camera to be added to the web page, and talk about how we are expanding, but it snowed here last week, and it was cold today and I did not get the camera mounted and working in time to go along with this article, so just imagine a picture here! Just trust me that a Lillyville camera will be online shortly.

New cameras are being added as locations are identified, network access is available and there is power to operate the camera. Lillyville is the latest to get a camera. There is also a camera now at Witcombe powered by a solar panel, that shows up when the sun shines! And on the daily photos page, there are now videos of the trains passing the cameras in addition to the snapshots. Exciting changes are happening.

And why are there so many recent positive changes? It is pretty easy to explain. This past summer, a long-time friend of mine – Dennis Matzen – joined Train Mountain and wanted to help out. His life experiences led him to work on the cameras and he has done a terrific job fine-tuning the work previously done; he’s making great progress configuring and setting new cameras.

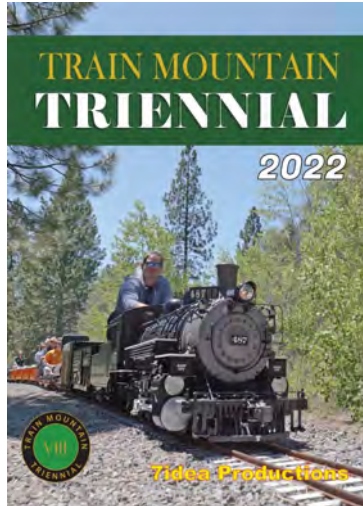
Next time you pass a camera, wave and say “Thank You, Dennis”.



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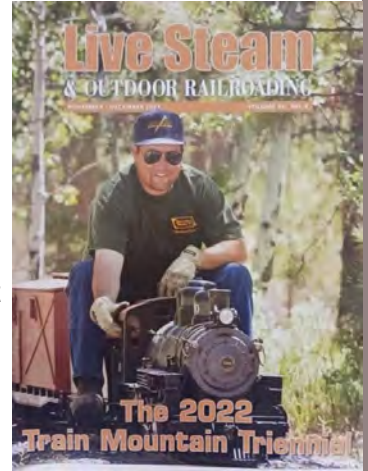
2022 Triennial Video Now Available

The 2022 Train Mountain Triennial video from Aaron Benson at 7Idea Productions is now available. You can [order online](#) or 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! Videos of past Triennials are also available.



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 February / February 2024 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroadng? It is a great article covering the 2022 Triennial, and about the great gang of folks that volunteer at Train Mountain and put on terrific live steam train meets. 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

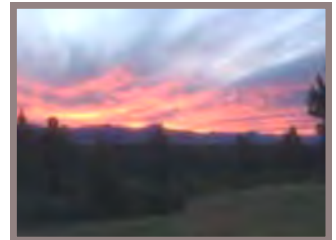
This ranch house is located on Hwy 62, and attaches to the west side of Train Mountain.

The 56 acres, panoramic views of Agency Lake and



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Can sleep up to 8 people.



For more information please call: **Julie 415-756-3943** or **Mike 415-420-9026**
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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!



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

Please send all articles to lucindagilman@gmail.com.

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.

I've heard of that social media thing...

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Instagram: [trainmountainrailroad](https://www.instagram.com/trainmountainrailroad)

Youtube: [trainmountainrailroad](https://www.youtube.com/trainmountainrailroad)

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

