



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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## September

Hello everyone, and welcome to the September Gazette!

We have some good articles in this one. The last “From the President” by Jeff Mills leads the way—John Cooper, the new president, will be writing this article in the future. He gave us a writeup on the Big Build—not as good as actually being there yourself, of course, but we all wish we could have been, and at least we can look at the pictures and daydream. Joyce holds forth in her usual fine form, with a reminder about being considerate that’s worth heeding. The Hope Shelter project supplied another good update. Not too many more of those coming since the project will be wrapping up soon.

Curious about what’s on the website? The former Gazette editor, Danny Chamrad, will be providing a guided tour over the coming months. There’s more on the website than we realized; we learned about the live webcams, and now I have a bad habit of keeping one open while I’m at work.

And, if you have a fondness for cute animals, the last article is for you: Jim Helwig is starting a mascot committee, and is looking for both co-conspirators and submissions.

We are a mother-and-son duo who will be editing the Gazette going forward. We’re based out of Portland, OR; Shady Dell Train Park is our home track, and we run a Baldwin S-12 on the weekends. We’d love to hear from you if you have an article, photos, or anything else to share with the rest of the Train Mountain community.

Cheers,

Lucinda Gilman and Xander Geraghty

### 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 to 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

### Join Train Mountain Now!

Register or Join - [https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/Member\\_Portal.aspx](https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/Member_Portal.aspx)

## From The President of Train Mountain - Jeff Mills

This is the last article I will write as Train Mountain Railroad President. **John Cooper has been elected as our new President.** Please welcome him to his new position on the Train Mountain Railroad Board. Please **continue the support which was granted to me** by the Train Mountain Members and Staff.

In reflection of my **five years in office as President** it was very **eventful and rewarding**. Re-counting some of the **major events and accomplishments**; the completion of the **main line track with steel rail** on plastic ties, **two Triennials**, completion of the **second row of containers** and the travel lift, a **major forest fire** on the north property, **flash flood** and more damaged track, **repair of fire damage, passing of members**, establishment of the **Train Game**, continuing **improvements to the Ops meet**, 7 meets a year, continuous **removal of forest debris and improvement** of the equipment for this removal. All of these were made possible by the strong cadre of volunteers who contribute their time and effort to Train Mountain. I say, "**Thank You, Volunteers**".

The **Big Build Meet** was attended with great enthusiasm. However, a **change of plans** was made after the work week started. It was determined that just releveling the **Panama Canal Track** was not going to **fix the drainage problem**. A **drainage ditch on the south side** of the tracks was started and will be finished in the next weeks. The track panels will be removed, and **cross drain perforated pipes will be laid**. These will allow **drainage to the downhill pipe** to be laid in the ditch. This drainpipe will have an exit at the end of the grade crossing under the tracks and downhill. Thanks to Joe Myall for the **use of his small backhoe** and to Richard Cox's expert equipment operation and civil engineer knowledge.

Other work accomplished during this work week included **repair and ballasting of several track problems** by the Idaho Mafia. There were **four new switch operators** installed by a crew consisting of Danny Chamrad, Kirk Devine and myself. Two at the new track addition from Beauchamp to Elizabeth River track to be laid this October and two at K&W track leading into the K&W Station. The **track shop was busy** constructing track panels. Dale Furseth and Dennis Ward got the switches set for the **new track and a siding laid** to allow track panels to be staged. They also got **a ballast tipple installed** for the ballasting of the new track. Other projects included finish work on the **loft bathroom remodel**.

The **Hope Shelter** crew led by Roger Rude, and Leonard Houpt were able to get the rafters set on the shelter. This was **no small job** as these **rafters were quite large and heavy**. Several volunteers assisted in this work along with Luke Conner operating the skid steer forklift. As of the following Monday the **metal roofing was being transported out to Hope**. Though the completion of this project is nearing, we **still require donations for funding of the materials**. The work week was followed by run days and the meet banquet.

The **next meet is the Fall Colors**, October 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. While there is not a scheduled work week **come early as there are plenty of jobs needing to be done to winterize the park** and our equipment. The **Aspens** should be exhibiting their **bright colors** for our enjoyment.



The Idaho mafia track crew working on the track

(Above and below) Work on the Panama Canal drainage project



Jim Eakin re-siding the Blue Mountain Coal Building, down by the Blue Caboose



## Greetings from Joyce at the front office:

It has finally cooled down a tad during the days here and nights are a bit cooler. Nice! Now, if the smoke would just stay out of the Basin, it would be that much nicer.

The Big Build meet just wrapped up. Though not as highly attended as usual, it was still every bit as great as usual and the banquet was good, too.

As a reminder about the banquets: We have to turn the count into the caterer by noon the Friday before the banquet. Our caterer gives a maximum number of tickets that can be sold and then goes out and buys enough groceries to cook for that number of people. The trip to Klamath Falls shopping and back takes the caterer at least three hours. It is not possible for her to just run back and forth to the grocery store. Our little local Chiloquin markets do not carry that much nor that kind of food! The last two banquets have seen a number of last minute/late day requests where the office could not sell them tickets and they had to wait in line until everyone else was served so that they could see if just maybe there was enough food for them to get some, too. I don't think having to do this is much fun for anyone. So, PLEASE!, if you want to attend a Saturday night meet banquet, purchase your ticket by noon of the Friday before the banquet. If you won't arrive at Train Mountain until the Saturday of the banquet or you cannot, for some reason, purchase your ticket in the office by noon on that Friday, CALL the office during business hours. 541-783-3030. Payment by phone will be accepted for your tickets but this needs to be done before noon on the Friday before the banquet.

Richard, one of our maintenance guys, is busy preparing for and laying a new deck in front of the eastside restrooms at Central Station. The decking materials are actually recycled and were free to Train Mountain, but they are "new" to us. That project is coming along nicely so far. He is also busy digging a ditch somewhere on the north side of the property.

Maggie cat is getting a little less timid and has been venturing outside some. Charlie is, well, Charlie cat as usual greeting visitors and members and all.

Channel 10 Medford took video to produce a "Day Tripping" segment on Train Mountain. It aired on September 16, 2022 at 6 AM.

Our Harvest Hosts visitors have been very gracious this month. It is looking like a few will definitely be joining up to be Train Mountain members soon.

The last meet of the year, Fall Colors, is just a few short weeks away! Come join in the fun!



## Dues Increase By Jerry Crane

The dues fee rates for 2023 are being increased. This action must be taken to keep Train Mountain financially sound. The present inflation and increased maintenance costs for our aging facility necessitated this increase. We regret that we must take this action but we believe that our members are still receiving excellent value for their dues fees. Your membership gives you access to over 36 miles of track to run upon and use of other facilities. Train Mountain is open to all members every day of the year.

The new dues rates are:

Railbiker Membership	\$30
Individual Membership	\$95
Family Membership	\$140
Young Adult Membership	\$30
Supporting Member	\$200
Participating Member	\$300
Yard Boss Member	\$500
Empire Member	\$1,000

Please visit the web site to see what is included in each type of membership.

Remember, for those taking itemized deductions on their federal income tax, a portion of their dues may be considered as a donation to a non-profit museum.



# Hope Shelter Project September Update

By Valerie Bedore

Hello!

First and foremost, the Hope Shelter Committee would like to give a shout out and huge thank you to all the volunteers who came out and helped with the installation of the shelter rafters during the Big Build Work Week! It was quite the task, and would not have gone as well as it did, without you generous volunteers. Thank you again!

Currently, all rafters are installed. The skip sheeting and metal roof are on site, and will hopefully be installed the week of September 12, weather permitting.

At this current time, \$5,099.00 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 Institute) to: P.O. Box 438, Chiloquin, OR. 97624. Please make sure you note on the check the donation is for the "Hope Shelter Project."

Thank you!



# Navigating Train Mountain Webpages

article by Danny Chamrad (djc2jr@hotmail.com)

There is a wealth of information about Train Mountain online. Navigating through all of these webpages is not always an easy thing to do. I'm hoping to show members in these articles how to search for and find out where the information that they are looking for is located. We will begin with the Train Mountain Landing Page which has links to many of these resources.

As with other webpages, the Landing Page has links to other webpages, which have links to other webpages, etc., etc., etc. Let's look at the Landing Page which can be accessed using this link: <https://trainmtn.org/>. This link will open the webpage shown below (I copy links like this one that I use often to my Bookmarks Toolbar on my Browser for easy access):

## Train Mountain Railroad Museum Chiloquin ~ Oregon

The World's Largest Private Caboose Collection - with 37 Cabooses  
Over 60 Full Size Maintenance and Rolling Stock Cars in Collection  
"World's Longest Miniature Railroad" - Guinness Book of World Records

Due to Covid-19 requirements and staffing issues,  
TRAIN MOUNTAIN is presently only open to outdoor activities.

For more information, please call the OFFICE at 541-783-3030.  
Office Summer hours are Monday through Friday  
from 9 am to 3 pm Pacific Time Zone.

This picture is only the top part of the webpage, but you can see that there are links to other webpages, shown with a blue background, such as TM Museum, TMRR, Camera Page, TMinst, etc. We will discuss these webpages later, but for now we will discuss the rest of this webpage.

TM Museum

Museum  
Walking Tour

Visitor  
Information

TMRR

Camera  
Page

TMinst

About Us

Friends

K & W RR

As you scroll down the page, you will see a "scrolling picture window" showing places and events" at Train Mountain. Below the picture window you will see links to some of the webpages shown in "blue background" above, along with a brief explanation of the contents of this webpage. The links are shown below:

### Boy Scout Camporall held at Train Mountain



Section of 2015 Camporall camping area at Train Mountain's South Meadow



**[CLICK HERE for the Train Mountain Railroad Website.](#)**  
**[Train Mountain Railroad \(TMRR\) members host Train Meets.](#)**  
**[Visit the TMRR Website to view the Train Mountain Web Cams](#)**



**[CLICK HERE for the Train Mountain Institute Website.](#)**  
**[Train Mountain Institute owns Train Mountain](#)**  
**[Train Mountain Institute is a public benefit 501c3](#)**  
**[TM Institute operates Train Mountain for educational purposes.](#)**



**[CLICK HERE for the Friends of Train Mountain Website.](#)**  
**[Friends support Train Mountain through infrastructure repair](#)**  
**[Upgrading, and repair of old track and building new track.](#)**  
**[Friend's motto is, "More Track - More Fun."](#)**



**[Click CLICK HERE for the Klamath & Western Railroad Website.](#)**  
**[K & W provides Free Public Train Rides During the Summer.](#)**  
**[Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend.](#)**  
**[Saturdays Only from 10 am to 3 pm.](#)**  
**[Check their Website for Special Events.](#)**



**[CLICK HERE for the Train Mountain Museum Website.](#)**  
**[Train Mountain hosts the Train Mountain Railroad Museum.](#)**  
**[Walking and Rail Tours are available.](#)**  
**[Over 30 Full Size Railroad Maintenance and Rolling Stock cars on display](#)**  
**[Visit the website for more information.](#)**

Since this Gazette is prepared for members, let's look at the TMRR website first: <https://trainmtn.org/tmrr/index.shtml>. A partial screenshot of the TMRR webpage is shown below. As is obvious, there is an abundance of information which can be accessed from this webpage. We will discuss these links and information contained in them in future articles. Until next time, members can click on the Live Camera Page link on the TMRR website: <https://trainmtn.org/tmrr/cameras/camera1.shtml>. This link is one of my favorite links on my Bookmarks Toolbar. I can see who is "running the rails" at TMRR, and of course, send them an "I see you" email. If you have any questions, send an email to me. I might not know the answer to your question, but hopefully, I will know someone who does know the answer. Until next time, Danny.





- TMRR Home
- TM Landing Page
- Membership Information
- Online Member Resources
- Join Train Mountain
- Register for Meets
- Download Forms for Mail-in
- Donate to Train Mountain
- Train Mtn Store
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- Signals & CTC
- Photo Gallery 1
- Live Camera Page
- TM Videos & Media
- TMRR Train Game
- Train Mountain Railroad Museum
- Friends of TM Train Club List
- Garden Railroad
- TM Triennial
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[Check out the new Video Page](#)

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[Check out the new cameras on Steiger Butte](#)

[Click for Steiger Camera Page](#)

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The latest Gazette will be at this link.

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**The August 2022 Mountain Gazette now available**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**7-Idea Triennial VIII Teaser - DVD, Blue Ray, and UHD, Coming This Fall**

**The MEMBER GATE CODE is subject to change without notice.**

**Arriving Members should call the Train Mountain Office to verify Gate Code.**

### Train Mountain Covid Info

**The State of Oregon ended most mask requirements effective on March 12, 2022.**

**Train Mountain will continue to offer the outdoor portion of the museum to the public. When Volunteers are available we will offer tours of Central Station and access to the Train Mountain Company Store.**

**Central Station will be open to Members.**

**The outside bathrooms on the east side of Central Station have been repaired. These and the outdoor Porta Potties are the only bathrooms open to the public.**

**If you are a member planning on coming to TM, please call the office to ensure you have the current gate code**

## **Train Mountain mascot?**

**By Jim Helwig, Chairman of the Mascot Committee**

During the Triennial I was asked, “Does Train Mountain have a mascot”? I asked some old-timers and found out TMRR does not. One member told me other model railroads had mascots. Which brought up the question “Do you think TMRR should have a mascot; if your answer is yes, then what do you think it should be?”

Jeff Mills was standing nearby listening and said, “Badger! We have at least three badgers living on the property, probably more. I think we should offer a \$75.00 reward in TM store credit with TMRR Board approval.” OK, how about that: we’re off to a flying start.

If you think TMRR should have a mascot and have your own suggestion, send your idea to the committee. If you are talented, send it with an original print-quality drawing. The drawing has to be your idea and not a copy of some other organization’s mascot. If you can’t draw, like me, send your idea anyway; we can work something out if your suggestion is approved.

If you are not in favor of a mascot, send a reason why. Right now I am the only person on the committee, but I will consider your reason. If you want to help, we could use an artist. Or be on the committee! Send an e-mail to me; we are always looking for volunteers.

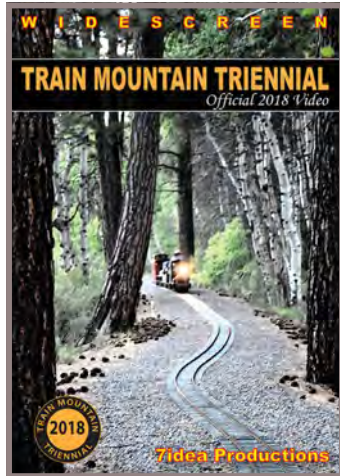
When you’re thinking about a mascot, keep in mind that we are an organization about railroad history. We also want to teach about railroad safety with a friendly mascot—one you would want to hug and have a selfie with.

Jim’s E-mail is [helwig.james275@yahoo.com](mailto:helwig.james275@yahoo.com)

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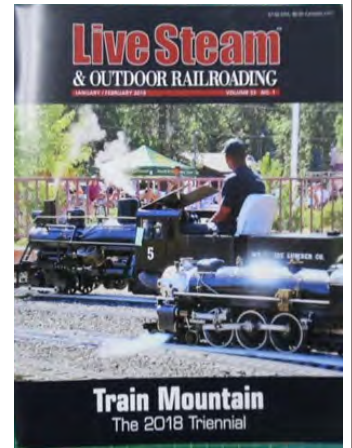
## 2018 Triennial Video Now Available

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.



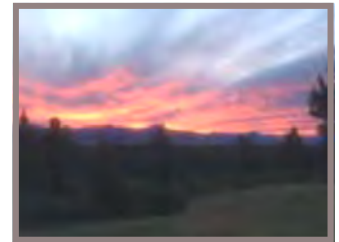
This comfortable house sits on 35 beautiful acres. 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Can sleep up to 6 people.

### 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

[www.getawayvacationhome.com](http://www.getawayvacationhome.com)

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## The Potbelly cafe



Located only 1.5 miles off Hwy 97 in Downtown Chiloquin in the same building as the Post Office 212 1st Ave-



**Good Service**

**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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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"

# 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.**

**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 Friday. To arrange other hours visitors should call the office at 541-783-3030.

## **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](http://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**

