



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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***Collectively, we can continue, "railroading for the young at heart"!!***

***Reminder: There will be a Memorial Gathering on May 24th. Kindly let us know if you can come. Please, send in those memories so we can all enjoy them. Email them to Kay at [store@trainmountain.org](mailto:store@trainmountain.org)***

**So my** buddy calls the other day and asks 'how's the weather up there?' I reply, 'it's 3 o'clock!' He says 'no you old coot, not what time is it, I asked how's the weather?' I repeat my reply, 'it's 3 o'clock!' He says 'OK what's up?' I said 'it's Chiloquin Oregon, at 3 o'clock on Monday it was 60 degrees, on Tuesday it was snowing, and Wednesday it was raining, on Thursday it was clear, windy, and 39 degrees!' So the answer about the weather up here is **it's 3 o'clock!** What has all this to do with Train Mountain? Well, Ross and crew are trying very hard to get projects started for this building season, and well, the weather is just not cooperating! Take for example trying to do dirt work. In the morning the ground is frozen, in the afternoon it's like a thick soup! The guys out doing the signal work on the north end of the property dress for working outdoors and by the time they get to the work area, it's all together different. My hat's off to them and their ef-

forts. In spite of all this, they are making major progress. I actually saw working signals on my way out to the end of track! Great job gang! Speaking of signals, many folks coming for the Big One will be here for the first time. So for you 'old timers' please have a little patience with them as they try and filter through all of the different methods we use at Train Mountain. Our system can be as simple as the green blocks, which warn of a possible track condition, all the way up to approach signals that give you permission to proceed! During the Triennial there will be special information mail boxes located out on the new areas of right of way. Inside these mail boxes will be instructional information sheets that will be particular to the area where you are located. Upon returning from that area, there will be additional mail boxes to return the information sheets for others to use. There will also be a handout in the Triennial Registration Packet that will give you additional information. Bottom line though, is we are going to have to learn how to live with signaling, bi-directional running, and all the new and unfamiliar track. It will take patience and training and should be a lot of fun as well!

**When you** show up for any meet this year (or any time you can make it) PLEASE check the white board in the Hall of Flags at Central Station. Ross will be posting the many jobs that need to be done. Some of these will require a crew, but many more only require that someone takes on the task posted and gets it done. Dennis, John, Lee and I have done a good amount of running in the last few days and the track is actually in pretty good shape. The frost heaves have settled nicely. However the usual mounds of pine needles, pine cones, and branches are everywhere. Lots of raking and hauling needs to be done before the 'big show'. Dennis, John, Lee and myself will try and get the green blocks out for the areas that need additional attention. These areas show up as 3 basic areas of concern. Kinks, wiggles, and humps. Kinks can be generally fixed by bumping the track back into alignment and tamping the ballast to secure the track. Wiggles require the track tools

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and mirrors to realign the track to grade. Wiggles are those areas where your train rocks back and forth from left to right and back again. Humps have all kinds of causes but mostly I have found they are caused by creeping root structures undermining the track. In several cases this requires removal of a section of track to get to the 'root' of the problem (sorry!). In any event, none of this is real hard work, it is just that with 30 miles of track there seems to be an endless supply of these areas! There will also be lot's of opportunities to participate in the new track building process and other projects like the 2 Percent solution and some additional rebuilding projects. PLEASE come and give us a hand before the 'big show'! Thanks.

**The building** wizards of Ron and Larry are nearing completion of a new passenger station and it's a real beauty! It's been a real treat to poke my head in the door every few days and watch this masterpiece take shape! It's really cool!

**Next up** is the Narrow Gauge Meet, but I have been forgetting to also mention the all important annual gathering of the Kitsap Clan that gets us going for the season. Since many of them are also some of the movers and shakers of the Narrow Gauge Meet, they will be arriving a bit early and having their annual festivities the week of the meet. It's like actually having a work week before the meet. I know they won't believe it but I am actually looking forward to their annual visit!

**The Triennial** Shirt Sale that the Company Store is having is very special. Kay has selected some very special shirts that MUST be preordered BEFORE the Triennial! These shirts will NOT be available to purchase during the meet, ONLY BEFORE! If you want to get any of these really cool garments, PLEASE use the attached forms or order online, but get your order in before the 15th so she can get them on order! Thanks for your help!

**Alma has** given me the menu for the Narrow Gauge Meet Banquet and also the following very important information:

Please remind everyone that the Meet Registration Forms include the following language and we are going to have to abide by this because it was published on the Meet Registration Forms and we don't want to lose money on our banquets:

*"Please note: banquet dinners must be ordered **TWO** weeks in advance; we cannot guarantee availability of banquet tickets for requests received less than two weeks prior to the banquet. Also, if you are unable to attend the banquet, we **MUST** receive your cancellation one week before the banquet (or by the first day of the work week) to refund your money, as we have to preorder meals and payment is based on that pre-*

*ordered number."*  
Banquet menus will be posted on the website for the remainder of the 2009 Meets and you are asked to select your **meat** choice with your registration for each Meet.

And now the menu as promised:  
**Stuffed Pork Tenderloin or Tri-Tip, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Steamed Vegetables, Homemade Oatmeal Rolls, Amaretto Spice Cake and Peach Crisp**

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**FROM THE MANAGER**  
**The latest information - Ross Perrin**

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April showers bring May flowers! I heard that somewhere and we are experiencing just that. It should be a beautiful spring with all this moisture we are getting. It isn't bad or hard rain and snow, but it is falling often. It's mainly light; you know the kind that keeps the soil moist so everything grows. It is about 7 P.M. and the rain has changed to big heavy snow flakes and it sure is pretty. I bet the guys that were out on the grade and had to quit early didn't think it was too pretty!

With a few nice days under our belt, we did get some early starters. Lee and Joanne Breuer Larry Debroi and Dennis Ward have been out raking and thank you Larry for getting fertilizer and spreading it out, it will make us green in no time. All these folks, and Ron and Caroline, have been busy working on a very complicated depot out in the carpenters shop. Jerry Balf and Lee Brooks have been working on switch machines for FTM and Art Crisp has been working on switches for the FTM build. Bill Shepherd has returned and ready to go surveying on the new grade, John Cooper and Tom Vertel were out working on the

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grade over the weekend and John Black has been learning and teaching the signal system for the expansion. Russ Wood has been busy with his regular chores and creating all sorts of neat things with his new ShopBot. Peg Schubert has been stopping in to help out in the office and Steve and Pam Panzik are continuing to add to the museum displays. John Wheelock even had a call for train rides, but I think they canceled due to weather. Thank you one and all.

On the staff side, Jerry, Alma, Sharon, Courtney, Kay and I have been working on Train Mountain getting things done for meets and repairing things around the park. Richard, Paul, Chris, Dustin, and Dennis have been doing signal work and making parts for various projects, including getting water out to Crane Siding from Steiger Butte. As always we need your help on all fronts. While the big push is track, we still have to make the existing track system work by doing maintenance and upgrades, including getting the 2% Solution in. We appreciate your help and look forward to pursuing Quentin's Dream with you.

This month's "Good Guy" and "Good Lady" award goes to Ron Young and Caroline Jones, "she would smack me for calling her a good guy!" Many years ago Ron and Caroline showed up on the scene and started making the buildings we enjoy around the railroad. While they had some ideas of their own, they looked at the structures we had, (and there were a lot) and decided they could do that and make improvements that would make maintenance much easier. A building code developed and they have built dozens of structures over the years. Although it was hard to keep Caroline from painting everything yellow, Ron prevailed and we have a great color palette out there. Ron has a philosophy that Caroline paints but he has to watch it dry! Thank you for all you do. You all owe Caroline thanks as well for her involvement in Train Mountain Banquets. How come you ask? As time has passed and I took on some of the talking before dinner, it was Caroline that always came to me beforehand and sort of suggested how long I should talk! I didn't say threatened - I said suggested! So thanks to "The Good Lady," you all get to eat at the banquet sooner.

I am still working on the Septic System in the Blue Caboose Campground. The paperwork is ready but funding issues still need to be solved. We have two projects there: the septic system and upgrading the electrical system. I hope to have some ideas soon.

You will also notice some new containers in Containerville. I have sent contracts out to the next folks in line and will move down the list, in the event the contracts are declined. Things will be a bit different in this group of containers because we don't have the in-house staff available to make the modifications to them. But we will get it done.

While cleaning up some things in the Back Shop, I could tell Quentin was still high in my thoughts as I moved things and thought about the hours and hours of time we spent talking about ideas and getting parts and pieces to use on various projects. My mind was filled with the dream of Train Mountain and what it means to so many. Later, I had to review some old videos for research and

first came Quentin down the tracks and then Lee Pirtle along behind him. The grins they had told the story. Quentin liked to see those grins and often pointed them out as we would sit and watch the train traffic. As I continued to watch, along came Doug Wilkerson and there was that grin. Then, Mark Flitton soon after he got his Steamer and there was that grin. I saw this over and over in the tape and again on a DVD. It was great.

What does this mean? A big piece of the Dream is to have fellow hobbyists and interested folk be able to ride on the railroad and "GRIN". We have all heard about the power of a smile, but the power of a grin is what Train Mountain is all about. While we go through some rough patches, remember that grin and have a great trip down the tracks.

Talk to you soon:

Ross Perrin, (GM)- [tmrrgm@trainmountain.org](mailto:tmrrgm@trainmountain.org)

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## THE TENDER HALF

### More items for the tender half - Kay Perrin

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Lindsay McDonnell sent this to Ross and he sent it to me and I think it's a MUST SEE for everyone. It's an HO layout that is so immense and intricate that it left me awestruck. Check it out at <http://www.wimp.com/largestmodel>.

The 2nd annual National Train Day is coming. This year it is May 9th and Randy Jackson from American Idol is the celebrity. May 10, 1869 the "golden spike" was driven into the final tie that joined the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific railways. Amtrak is hosting 4 major celebrations in Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles. People everywhere are encouraged to host their own activities. You can find more information or post your event at [www.nationaltrainday.com](http://www.nationaltrainday.com).

I've been busy expanding our variety of Christmas tree ornaments. I have grand plans to be the train ornament capitol of the world. I think you'll like it. I've added 10 new ornaments, some of them with the Train Mountain name and I rediscovered a hobo. These little hobos were hiding on a shelf, so I put them on our tree and they are adorable. Every tree should have a hobo. I did a little research and discovered they were made by Show Stoppers and are now a collectible. The representative I spoke to all but laughed at my thought of getting more saying, "you must have gotten those a long, long time ago." Go to [www.trainmountain.org/store](http://www.trainmountain.org/store) then Christmas and then Christmas Ornaments....you'll be impressed.

Pat Kaasa and Louise Balf have said they are willing to help in the store. Thank you Pat and Louise. I'm just a little worried, because so many of my last summer helpers are on Triennial committees. I don't want to burn anyone out. I would like to have 2 hour shifts with 2 people plus me.

I also want to make sure that everyone understands that the wonderful selection of Triennial shirts for you to pre-order will not be available after May 15th. The only Trien-

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nial shirts that will be in the store during the Triennial are the crewneck sweatshirt and the Unisex T-shirt. Maybe the women's V neck....it depends on sales. Sooo if you want a polo or a pocket or long sleeves, the time to order them is now. There is a mail in order form attached to the newsletter or you can go on line ([www.trainmountain.org](http://www.trainmountain.org)) and there is a link right on the home page.

Still looking for a caboose cake pan and can hardly wait to see everyone!!!!!!

TTFN, Kay at [store@trainmountain.org](mailto:store@trainmountain.org)

## 2009 TRIENNIAL SEMINARS Preliminary Seminar Schedule - Jeff Mills

Here is the preliminary Seminar schedule for the 2009 Train Mountain Triennial.

**Monday** : No seminars as 2006 Monday was left open.

### Tuesday:

9:00 AM John Rimmasch ASME  
10:00 AM John Lovely Single track operations using warrants  
11:00 AM John Black Signals at FTM  
1:00 PM Russ Wood Keeping the Dream alive

### Wednesday:

9:00 AM Mike Venezia - Firing Locomotives  
10:00 AM Russ Wood - Snow Removal Operations at TM  
11:00 AM Tom Artzberger - Going Narrow Gauge Pros and Cons  
1:00 AM Jim Davenport - Fabricated Steel Trucks

### Thursday :

9:00 AM John Lovely - Railroad Flagging; How to Protect Your Train  
10:00 AM John Rimash - ASME  
11:00 AM Russ Wood - Train Ops at Train Mountain  
1:00 PM Ladies Day at Train Mountain

### Friday:

9:00 AM Track Shop Open House  
10:00 AM Track shop Open House (cont.)  
11:00 AM Track shop Open House (cont.)  
1:00 PM Courtney Jones—Building Steam Donkeys

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Train Mountain Ramble 2009				
Northbound				
Date	Departure	Destination	Website	Notes
June 22-28		Train Mountain, Chiloquin, OR	<a href="http://www.trainmountain.org">www.trainmountain.org</a>	
June 28 (Sun. P.M.)	Train Mountain	Port Orchard, WA		Travel Day
June 30 (Tuesday)		Run Kitsap Live Steamers	<a href="http://www.kitsaplivesteamers.org">www.kitsaplivesteamers.org</a>	
July 1 (Wednesday)	Kitsap Live Steamers	Saanich, BC		Travel Day
July 2 (Thursday)		Run Rails at Vancouver Island Model Engineers		in Saanich, BC
July 3 (Friday)	Vancouver Island Model Engrs	Burnaby, BC		Travel Day
July 4 (Saturday) & July 5 (Sunday)		BC Society of Model Engrs	<a href="http://bcsme.lqisp.net/">http://bcsme.lqisp.net/</a>	in Burnaby, BC
July 6 (Monday)	BC Society of Model Engrs	Squamish, BC		Travel Day
July 7 (Tuesday)		West Coast Rail Museum Track	<a href="http://www.wcra.org/">http://www.wcra.org/</a>	in Squamish, BC
July 8 (Wednesday) thru July 10 (Friday)	West Coast Rail Museum	Airdrie, AB (near Calgary)		Travel Days
July 11 (Saturday)		Alberta Model Engineers		in Airdrie, AB
Ramble Master: Lindsay McDonnell - <a href="mailto:lindsaymcd@telus.net">lindsaymcd@telus.net</a>				

Train Mountain Ramble 2009				
Southbound				
Date	Departure	Destination	Website	Notes
June 22-28		Train Mountain, Chiloquin, OR	<a href="http://www.trainmountain.org">www.trainmountain.org</a>	
June 28 (Sun. P.M.)	Train Mountain	So. Oregon Live Steamers, Medford	<a href="http://www.livesteaming.com/clubs/club_pages/sols.html">www.livesteaming.com/clubs/club_pages/sols.html</a>	camping available on club grounds
June 29 (Monday)		Run Rails at So. Oregon Live Steamers		
June 30 (Tuesday)	Medford, OR	Sacramento, CA		camping available at Sacramento Live Steamers, Rancho Cordova
July 1 (Wednesday)		Tour CA State RR Museum	<a href="http://www.csmf.org">www.csmf.org</a>	in Sacramento
July 2 (Thursday)		Run Rails at Sacramento Live Steamers	<a href="http://www.svlis.org">www.svlis.org</a>	in Rancho Cordova
July 3 (Friday A.M.)		Run Golden Gate Live Steamers & tour Redwood Valley RR	<a href="http://www.gqls.org">www.gqls.org</a>	
July 3 (Friday P.M.)	Golden Gate Live Steamers	Arroyo Grande, CA		
July 4 (Saturday)		Bitter Creek & Western RR	<a href="http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org">www.bittercreekwesternrr.org</a>	
July 5 (Sunday)	Arroyo Grande, CA	Los Angeles Live Steamers	<a href="http://www.lals.org">www.lals.org</a>	camping available
July 6 (Monday)		Run Rails at LA Live Steamers		
July 7 (Tuesday)	Los Angeles, CA	Orange County Model Engrs, Costa Mesa, CA	<a href="http://www.ocmetrains.org">www.ocmetrains.org</a>	camping only by permit, special arrangement required
July 8 (Wednesday)	Costa Mesa, CA	Riverside Live Steamers	<a href="http://www.steamonly.org">www.steamonly.org</a>	run steam only
July 9 (Thursday)	Riverside, CA	Phoenix, AZ		
July 10 (Friday)		Maricopa Live Steamers	<a href="http://www.maricopalivesteamers.com">www.maricopalivesteamers.com</a>	
Ramble Master: Mel Bresee - <a href="mailto:mabii@aol.com">mabii@aol.com</a> or (310)553-2039				



# Photo Gallery

Way up north there is lots of activity going on! This track gang is busy putting in the signal system that we will all learn to use this summer.



Ross mentioned my new ShopBot; this is the first project off of the Bot.

John Black is installing one of the many solar panels used to remotely power the signal system.



My Bot is installed in my new shop that many of you saw being built last summer. With help from Dennis, Lee and Bert the interior is now complete and its time to play!

There is lots of on the ground work to do when installing this system. Lots of bonding, wire pulling, etc.



Project #2 on the Bot and will soon be a single story station with freight house.

And of course there is always lots of discussions as to what goes where, and why!



If you look close you can see some of the details the Bot has routed into the siding. Using the Bot I am able to cut all the pieces in a day, then two days to paint all the parts and another two days to do the final assembly.

To get to work up north many of the crew come by train and bring the necessary supplies and tools.



In the very near future these buildings (and others) will be available for purchase through the Train Mountain Company Store. Portions of the proceeds will directly go to Train Mountain, Custom building will also be possible. These can be for your home track or can be placed on Train Mountain.

They also bring with them additional track panels to continue the building process.



## LAST CHANCE before May 15th !!!

Thank you for pre-purchasing your Triennial Shirts. Pre-purchasing gives you a much larger selection. The hoody, long sleeve tee, pocket tee, polo, youth and XXX sizes will not be available in the store. It will also allow us to have other Triennial items for you during the event.

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Shirts will not be shipped

You may pick up your purchase @ Train Mountain

Company Store beginning June 15th 2009

Quantity	Item Description	Size	Unit Price	Extended Price
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	Ladies Deep Red V-Neck	M	15.00	
	Ladies Deep Red V-Neck	L	15.00	
	Ladies Deep Red V-Neck	XL	15.00	
	Ladies Deep Red V-Neck	XXL	17.00	
	Ladies Deep Red V-Neck	XXXL	18.00	
	Ladies Deep Red V-Neck	XXXXL	20.00	
	Unisex Tee	SM	16.00	
	Unisex Tee	M	16.00	
	Unisex Tee	L	16.00	
	Unisex Tee	XL	16.00	
	Unisex Tee	XXL	18.00	
	Unisex Tee	XXXL	19.00	
	Unisex Tee	XXXXL	21.00	
	Pocket Tee	SM	20.00	
	Pocket Tee	M	20.00	
	Pocket Tee	L	20.00	
	Pocket Tee	XL	20.00	
	Pocket Tee	XXL	22.00	
	Pocket Tee	XXXL	23.00	
	Pocket Tee	XXXXL	25.00	
	Long Sleeve Tee	SM	24.00	
	Long Sleeve Tee	M	24.00	
	Long Sleeve Tee	L	24.00	
	Long Sleeve Tee	XL	24.00	
	Long Sleeve Tee	XXL	26.00	
	Long Sleeve Tee	XXXL	27.00	
	Long Sleeve Tee	XXXXL	29.00	
	Adult Polo	SM	27.00	
	Adult Polo	M	27.00	
	Adult Polo	L	27.00	
	Adult Polo	XL	27.00	
	Adult Polo	XXL	2.00	
	Adult Polo	XXXL	30.00	
	Adult Polo	XXXXL	32.00	
	Youth Tee SM	6-8	15.00	
	Youth Tee MD	10-12	15.00	
	Youth Tee LG	14-16	15.00	

Quantity	Item Description	Size	Unit Price	Extended Price
	Adult Sweatshirt	SM	32.00	
	Adult Sweatshirt	M	32.00	
	Adult Sweatshirt	L	32.00	
	Adult Sweatshirt	XL	32.00	
	Adult Sweatshirt	XXL	34.00	
	Adult Sweatshirt	XXXL	35.00	
	Adult Sweatshirt	XXXXL	37.00	
	Hoody Sweatshirt	SM	46.00	
	Hoody Sweatshirt	M	46.00	
	Hoody Sweatshirt	L	46.00	
	Hoody Sweatshirt	XL	46.00	
	Hoody Sweatshirt	XXL	48.00	
	Hoody Sweatshirt	XXXL	49.00	
	Hoody Sweatshirt	XXXXL	51.00	
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