



The Mountain GAZETTE

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This just in! We had a small wildfire at Train Mountain. Nothing was damaged but it was a wake up call and we learned a lot from the experience. It was a normal steam train ride, and, with the rains of just a week ago, we were just cruisin' through the woods. A single spark set off the still un-raked pine needles out on Aspen Grove Loop. It was amazing how fast it spread. What we learned is there is no set fire season, every season is fire season in the woods of a high mountain desert area like Train Mountain. We also learned that every train should have some form of fire fighting equipment. Minimum equipment is shovels. Carry some extra water that is capable of being transported to the source of the fire and can be dispersed on the fire. Home style fire extinguishers, while great for putting out a fire in a frying pan, cannot put out a wildfire. Don't try and work on the fire directly, clear a fire break ahead of the fire. And remember all steam engines require spark arrestors. Be safe! If a fire breaks out, first things first, immediately call Ross at 541-892-6543. If you CAN'T get Ross, call 911.

OK, OK I apologize! My last Gazette jinxed the Narrow Gauge Meet. The weather was just miserable! Remember I said it was sunny, windy, rainy, snowy, and cold at 3:00 here in Chiloquin! Well, guess what? It was all of that and more! I'm really sorry. However, it's really hard to keep you folks down and the Narrow Gaugers rose to the occasion and put on one heck of a show. The cold moist air made for spectacular steam displays with some 24 actual narrow gauge locos and along with many more trains. We had 117 registrations for this specialty meet. A good time was had by all, even given the cold weather. Just an added note here, in order to help facilitate a warmer Narrow Gauge Meet, it will be changed for 2010 to May 14-16.

The weather also didn't stop the Kitsap Krew from performing some more of their Train Mountain magic. Part of the success of the Narrow Gauge Meet was in no small part due to the hard work accomplished by these folks. They were everywhere, doing major repairs and minor repairs and anything else that Ross suggested might need some work.

In addition to all of that stuff happening, the Kitsap Krew, lead by Jerry Crane, installed an absolutely gorgeous water tank out on the future site of Crane Siding. It is an accurate 1/4 scale model of a real tank. It also will be

a functioning water tank, after they install the water lines etc. The track to Crane water siding should be completed during this year's FTM build cycle.

That's the good news from the Narrow Gauge Meet, Now for a little bad news. Please read carefully my article labeled Safety Concerns.

The meet proved what good shape the track is in for this early in the year. It also pointed out the areas where we need to spend some time in getting ready for the Triennial, which is only a few weeks away. One of the areas of concern is the switches and the point action of these switches. With the winter comes inactivity along with some dirt and some rust. The points seem to just not want to work completely. So, at the work week for the May Meet, let's see if we can get all the switches working correctly, Remember to check the white board in Central Station for other jobs that need to be completed.

I hope you can come and join in the ground breaking of the Memorial Garden. We will be celebrating the lives of the many friends who have passed from our membership. The ceremony will be held at the flag pole located by the parking area between Central Station and the Market Place building. The Memorial Gathering will be held on Sunday, May 24th starting at 1:30 inside the Hall of Flags. Speeches will begin at 3:30 in the Hall and then we will proceed to the outside Flag Pole Area for the ground breaking.

Speaking of the Market Place building, the vendors are still signing up and we should have a good supply of goodies to purchase during the Triennial. There is even a manufactured home dealer coming and bringing a home for us to see! I think we have made the big time! Please make sure you stop by and thank them for supporting Train Mountain, and, of course, for making all those goodies!

Well the time is getting short and Jerry Crane, Jeff Mills and many others are getting the finishing touches on all the many plans for the Triennial. If you haven't joined the 600 plus folks already signed up, now is the time. You can download the forms off of the Train Mountain web site or call the main office to get some sent to you. Remember also, you must have a signed Release form on file before operating any equipment at Train Mountain.

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Menu for the May Meet banquet: Tri-Tip or Stuffed Chicken Breast, Red & Yellow Potatoes, Spinach Salad, Green Beans w/Bacon, Oatmeal Rolls and Cherry Crisp and Cheese Cake. If attending the May Meet Banquet, PLEASE CALL WITH YOUR MEAT CHOICE by Monday May 25th!!

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FROM THE MANAGER

The latest information - Ross Perrin

Well if you were here, (and a lot of you were), you know, but if you weren't, you missed some great rain and lots of spectacular locomotives and trains with many wonderful people. (Just for Wally-I'm still watching the bldg!) Among the trips around the railroad, I was impressed with the perfect weather conditions that made the steam hang in the trees. That's one of my favorite views here at the mountain. You could watch the steam engines leave a trail most of the way up the Serpentine and the whistles were so clear, you learned which engine was coming by its whistle. What a show!

While the Narrow Gauge Meet is a great event, the week before was a joy. It was Kitsap Krew Week! The gang was here and so much work took place, from painting green blocks to Jerry Crane's crew installing a beautiful water tower at Crane Siding between the new Schubert Wye and Hope Circle. While track won't get there for a couple months, it is still a wonderful site out there in the woods. As always the Krew got us rolling for the season and set the bar high for getting the railroad in tip top shape. Thanks to all of you.

Of course the team of Eric Meehan and Richard Mairs came through with their yearly bribe of my favorite jerky from Yelm, WA. (Thanks guys) and they took on a track job of replacing and repairing a piece of track I ripped out plowing snow. I sure did appreciate them fixing my mess but--- then they decided to immortalize the event at the banquet

by presenting me with a plaque made of the bent up rail! It was very thoughtful and I'll remember it while I get some ideas on your just rewards from your wives!

This will be the last article before many of you travel to Train Mountain for the Triennial and there are some things I want to highlight. On the 24th of May we will have a memorial for Quentin and have a ground breaking ceremony for the Memorial Garden around the flag pole. Many of you will participate in this event and donate to the garden in Q's memory and I thank you in advance. I want you to know that the design for the garden has come from Debra Cox, our gardener for many years, and while she excels at all she does, she has outdone herself with this design. She is working very hard to get part of it ready for us on the 24th. Thank you Debra, it means so much to all of us.

Another big piece of this area is the memorial ties placed in the track with the names of railroaders that have passed on. This is a creation of Russ Woods and it is wonderful. Thank you Russ.

Lots of you will be bringing your dogs this time. We all love our pets and want you to have a great experience here with your pets, but please review the Dog Policy and the Dog Release form, which you must have filed in the office. While the rules may seem a bit extreme, it is because of bad experiences that have happened that we must have rules. If you think about them, they are well thought through and in place to create a positive experience for all. And don't forget, we have some predators that occasionally show themselves, such as badgers, bobcats, eagles, hawks and cougars, not to mention the occasional porcupine and skunk. While the latter two are not considered predators, they will cause your pet great harm. So, be safe and remember the non pet owner's rights.

As members, it is your task to police each other and our guests. This is a responsibility of membership that ensures all will have a great time and you will enrich the event by mentoring the first timers. Train Mountain, as great as it is, can be very intimidating for the first timer or even a returning guest that has not been here for some time. Show them the courtesy well known here at the Mountain and make their time here great. Just think of your first visit and the hesitation to venture through the tunnel under the highway and head north. When you are used to a couple miles of track in the confines of a club location, it is a bit intimidating. Have that new engineer follow you or ride with you their first trip and show them the ropes. If you see someone dazed by where to look first when they arrive, say hello, welcome them to Train Mountain and point them in the right direction, or show them your train. Like you don't like to show it off!! I often hear the words "it is unbelievable" from first timers and you're the ones that make it so. Thanks for teaching the next one.



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As we approach the first Triennial without Quentin, it will be an affirmation of the "Dream." The Triennial is without a doubt the culmination of his dreams, great people, great trains and lots of them. It won't be the same, but it will be the best train show on earth and we will make him proud. I hope he'll be watching as Sharon leads the Cavalcade of Trains in his remembrance. We will miss you "Q".

Most important is safety, use common sense and follow the simple rules. Protect your equipment and yourself by using a conductor, and, don't forget, as engineers you're responsible for your train. Have fun and make sure everyone else does as well.

Donations this month include a Video Surveillance system from Al Taylor and Alma Weber, a wonderful monetary donation from Joel Slagg to future projects, a Water Tower from Jerry Crane, many donations without names, as you leave us with room donations, supply donations and the donation of your time. Thank you everyone.

This month's Good Guy Award goes to John Wheelock. John is local and he is our number one provider of last minute train rides. John also is a contributor to the overall operations here by donating his tips for train rides to the general fund. Of course he takes out his gas money and gets the occasional lunch from thrilled riders also, but he always thinks of the operation of the Mountain. When we need to get a ride for an interested budding railroader, it is John to the rescue. Now, John is retired, so he is always at the ready and happy to show our visitors the mountain. And, if this isn't enough, John is an accomplished author with 3 books in print and for sale in the Company Store. Thank you John we are proud to have you on board!

Thank you to all of you that have done so much this past month. To save space, I have to cut it short this time, but you're all appreciated tremendously.

Don't forget we still need your support raising money for the Rotary Fund, and as always, shop the Company Store.

Talk to you soon:
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THE TENDER HALF

More items for the tender half - Kay Perrin

I had an absolute *Blast* with the Narrow Gauge and Kitsap Krew. Even though the weather was not as nice as it could have been, I had a great time. Thank you to everyone who helped or stopped in to chat and share ideas.

My current mission is metal signs. I have a source for Andy Rooney signs...but I'm looking for other sources. In particular Dick Peterson and I spent some



time trying to find a Chessie kitty sign that actually is on the wall in the Hall of Flags. If anyone knows where we can get one or has one they are willing to sell, we would very much like the information. The one we are most interested in has Chessie sleeping in the middle of a track layout and the 2 kittens are playing. There is a bookcase in the background and the words are "A new day-A new Train".

Several of you have asked about bringing items that you would like to sell to the Triennial. I agree that it would be a great place to combine people who would be interested and a place where they could actually see them. Here's the deal. In order to be fair to the people who have signed up for a vendor booth, there will not be any other selling stations, other than the store of course. There will be an unsupervised white elephant table near the vendors. My suggestion is that you bring your items and have them on that table when you are able to supervise it.

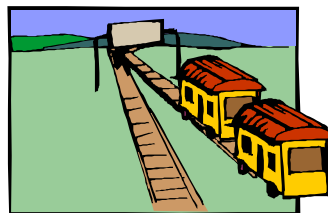
I personally want to thank everyone who preordered your Triennial shirts. I know the reminder emails were painful, but it had to be done. It also was a huge success. We will now be able to have Triennial hats as well. I will have some Unisex Tee shirts and some crew neck Triennial sweatshirts in the store, but if you haven't already preordered yours, I suggest you get to the store early....because when they're gone, they're gone. This has certainly been a learning experience for me, and I feel that I owe you my Brownie promise: I promise to do my best to not have another presale until the year 2012.

I had the pleasure of meeting a very nice young man, Aaron Bentsen. He is a K & W member and a former local disc jockey. He has made some wonderful videos of contemporary railroading in our area. His titles include: Union Pacific's Cascade Sub (a 2 disc set), BNSF Railways and The Shasta Route. We are having a short sale to introduce them. You may purchase them on line or in the store for 20% off until June 1st.

You still have time, if you wanted to contribute a Quentin memory. Just email it to store@trainmountain.org and I will see that it is included. I might also mention that Debra has designed the plans for Quentin's Memorial Garden. As usual, she has thought of everything. There are places for trees, shrubs and even perennials. You are welcome to contribute as well.

I know I've mentioned to several of you that have emailed me, but I want everyone to know *I can hardly wait 'till you all get here!*

TTFN, Kay store@trainmountain.org



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From the editor: Don't forget that Ladies Day is on Thursday May 28th during the May Meet and on June 25th during the Triennial. Also don't forget the Quilt Show on Sat June 27th and Sun June 28th at the Chiloquin Community Center.

2009 TRIENNIAL REPORT

Where we stand so far - Jerald Carne

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Just a few days to the 2009 Triennial. A few last words. We now have all the committee chairpersons positions filled. If you would like to help with some volunteer labor during the Triennial, please come to the 8:00 am volunteer meeting at the Hall of Flags. If you do not want to get up that early, just stop by the Hall of Flags and sign up for one of the 2 or 3 hour shifts at one of the many volunteer stations. You need not sign up earlier, except if you wish to be a van driver. Please contact Larry DaBroi as soon as possible at musictrain@nctv.com if you want to drive the van.

If you are planning on camping at Train Mountain, you can stay in the Six Acre Campground if you are using a tent or tent camper. If you are bringing an RV, you will need to stay in the South Meadow Area. Dogs are allowed only in the South Meadow Area. The Blue Caboose Campground is not available for general camping during the Triennial. If you plan on staying at Six Acres, please contact the campground host, Judy Ross, if you have any questions. She can be reached at judybouquetross@aol.com

See You Soon

Jerry Crane

2009 OPERATIONS MEET

Preview of the Ops Meet - Julie Knight

I know it is hard to look past the Triennial, but the Ops meet is just around the corner. We are already starting to plan for the 5th Annual Operations Meet, July 25th thru Aug 2nd, where we play like the "big boys" on our very own railroad.

I will be checking in with those members that so graciously allowed us to use their rolling stock during previous meets to see if we can again include them in this year's inventory of cars to be switched. We can always use more cars in our operations. So, if you have any that you would like to include, please shoot me an email with a description of the car(s) and I'll get them into the roster. We have learned from experience that we need to have access to these cars no later than

Thursday morning to get them sorted, placed and ready for Friday's activities.

We have always had a great group of volunteers to help with pre and post operations "set outs" and "wrangling" of cars – in fact some say that it is as much fun as the meet itself. Please come early and help with the "pre" operations.

Hope to see you all there!!

Julie Knight – Julie@crto.net

SAFETY CONCERNS

Here's the issue - Russ Wood

OK I am going to go really slow just so that everyone can get the message. Most clubs have a rule 'BOOK'. Most clubs have operator 'TESTS'. Most clubs have Safety Officers. Quentin designed a system that requires half of one side of a single piece of paper to allow us to operate the worlds biggest railroad safely. These rules are based on common sense and believing that everyone really wants to operate their trains safely. Well, here's a single incident from the meet. This is but one of many such incidents at this meet. I saw a train with a very large engine and many cars heading out onto the mainline WITHOUT a conductor. Rule #1 of Quentin's rules is very simple, you MUST have a conductor. I flagged the engineer and reminded him of this rule and his reply was, are you ready for this, 'the meet doesn't start until Friday so I don't need a conductor!'. Sorry folks, the rules make no provisions for time of day, or if there is a meet or if there is not a meet. The rule simply states you must have a conductor. This same simple philosophy applies to all of the operating safety rules, including safety chains, flags, lights, etc. We must continue to operate at Train Mountain the way Quentin designed this very safe and simple system, or the system will have to be changed to something more strict. We must operate safely. With the Triennial just a few weeks away this is something we all need to be aware of and make sure that everyone abides by the very simple rules of Train Mountain. Safety first please!

Another topic that needs covering is that of common courtesy for others. Pulling into Train Mountain with your big motor home and dropping off your trailer to be unloaded is perfectly fine. However, leaving your trailer at Crisp Yard unloading facility for the entire meet for others to work around is very discourteous! Please think of others and keep things moving. Thank you.

Photo Gallery

In other modeling scales the narrow gauge locos are much smaller than the standard gauge locos. Well in 7 1/2 in gauge they are huge! Check out this shay! Wow!



And if one shay is cool then two are even better! Matching shays and when they double headed what a sound! Just terrific!



In between dry spells the yard looked like this most of the meet.



Even us diesel types were ably represented by a narrow gauge diesel or two!



Just in case you think all steamers are black, check out this terrific model. What a show piece.



Compare this shay with the ones at the top. It was smaller than the others but was still way bigger than either of my engines! Way cool!



So if you can't run why not just stand around and do a little bench racing! Great friends having great conversations and freezing our @ @ @ off!



Here's the Crane siding crew. Courtney Jones, Jerry Crane, Jim Davenport and Steve Tate. Jeff Mills was also there as he took the pix. Looks great guys! What's next? Why it's a 1/4 scale station of course!



Speaking of stations, here's the completed station I showed last issue being cut on my ShopBot. It is installed at Freihube siding on the Klamath and Western.

If you would like a station like this for your railroad, you can order it from the **Company Store** for around \$300 complete. If you would like to buy one and donate it to Train Mountain, the price is \$250. Many styles and sizes are available. Contact me about sizes and prices at my email address: russ@hobby-tronics.com or call 541-281-7102 All sales will go through the **Train Mountain Company Store**.

Event	Work Week	Train Meet
May Meet 2009	Sat, May 23 Thu, May 28	Fri, May 29- Sun, May 31
Triennial 2009	Mon, Jun 15 Sun, Jun 21	Mon, Jun 22 Sun, Jun 28 -
Operations Meet 2009	Sat, Jul 25 Thu, Jul 30	Fri, Jul 31- Sun, Aug 2
September Meet 2009	Sat, Sep 5 Thu, Sep 10	Fri, Sep 11- Sun, Sep 13
Fall Colors Meet 2009	No Work Week	Fri, Oct 2- Sun, Oct 4



FIRST REGULAR MEET of 2009 SCHEDULE
The who, the what and the where!

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat, May 23th	9:00 AM	Begin Work Week, which runs through Thursday, May 28th at 4:30 PM
Sat, May 23th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers who arrive early for Work Week. Location Central Station. Hosted by Sharon Breen.
Sun, May 24th	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides Beanery Open
Sun, May 24th	1:30 PM	Memorial Ceremony at the new Memorial Garden located by the flag pole at Central Station
Mon, May 25th	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides Beanery Open
Mon, May 25th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers. Location: Central Station. Hosts: Dennis and Mort Ediger - SEE NOTES.
Thu, May, 28th	1:00 to 4:00 pm	Chiloquilters. Sewers / Crafters will meet in Central Station, show and tell, beginners welcome- SEE NOTES.
Thu, May 28th	6:00 PM	Recognition Dinner for all volunteers Host Bert Newberry- SEE NOTES.
Fri, May 29th	9:00 AM	First 2009 Train Mountain Train Meet begins, which runs through Sunday. Company Store open Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Fri, May 29th	6:00 PM	Pizza and Beer celebration for all train meet attendees. Hosts Russ and Linda Wood— SEE NOTES.
Sat, May 30st	6:00 PM	Train Mountain Banquet, held at Central Station. Reservations available online at www.TrainMountain.org or 541-783-3030 until 5/25. See menu on page 1
Sun, May 31st	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Klamath and Western, Public Rides Beanery Open
Sun, May 31st	4:00 PM	The First 2009 Meet ends.

The Chiloquilters will hold a special **Thursday** Sewing Social at each of the Train Mountain work weeks. They will meet in the Central Station from **1:00 to 4:00 pm**. This is not just for quilters, this is for all kinds of sewing, needlework, crafts, etc. Whatever project you are working on, please bring it for show and tell.

The Edigers will be hosting a spaghetti dinner for all volunteers at **6:00 p.m. on Monday** at Central Station. Please bring a dessert and drink.

Bert Newberry will be hosting a 'cook it yourself' hot dog/hamburger barbecue **6:00 p.m. Thursday** at his home, a very short drive from Train Mountain. Directions available at the office.

Russ and Linda Wood will be hosting their regular Pizza and Beer night. If you are going to be running at Train Mountain please keep your consumption directed towards the pizza and not the beer! The event is an ongoing event and is held at **6 p.m. Friday** evening during all **Train Meet** weekends. Their home is located a short but scenic three miles from Train Mountain. Bring nothing but your appetite. Directions are available at the Office.

Please Help the Hosts and Hostesses by signing up for those dinners you wish to attend. These nice folks need to know how many are coming! Sign up in the Central Station Office as soon as you arrive.



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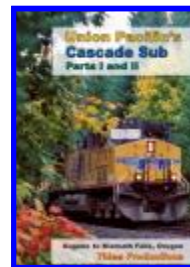


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