



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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## June

there; come say hello.

Ops meet, ops meet. We hear the siren song of ops meet and are lured, irrepressibly, to its promise of a happy, carefree four days moving train cars from point A to point B and back again. We'll be

Of course, it will only be happy and carefree for the participants because of the tireless efforts of the many volunteers, especially during the Narrow Gauge and Ops Meet work weeks. Many thanks to all of you. Not setting fire to the track is a good thing, and the Narrow Gauge work week did the lion's share of clearing needles off the tracks.

This month, our lead article reminds us of one of the small, but critically important things we do for each other: drop green blocks at derailment points. It's super easy and it can save someone else's bacon in a big way. We also have TWO fine articles on the ops meet; Joyce, as always; a couple of board announcements; a review of the Narrow Gauge meet; a writeup on the newly-installed Blue Mountain coal crane; and an article on a new excursion offering. Good stuff; sit out on your porch, kick up your feet, grab your drink of choice, and enjoy.



See you at the track,

Lucinda Gilman and Xander Geraghty

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### 2023 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule

	Polar Bear	Spring Awakening	Narrow Gauge	Ops Meet	August Meet	Big Build	Fall Colors
Work week		4/29-5/4	5/27-6/1	6/24-6/28	7/29-8/3	9/2-9/7	
Meet	1/14-1/16	5/5-5/7	6/2-6/4	6/29-7/2	8/4-8/6	9/8-9/10	10/6-10/9

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# The proper time to use Green Blocks

By Dale Furseth

Green blocks are something simple we can do for each other. These are the blocks we're all required to carry at TM to drop beside the track where we derail. It's simple, it's quick, and it helps everyone. That green block will alert those behind you. And remember the blocks go on the *right* side of the track.

A member derailed at a bad place in the track recently where there were no green blocks. He did not see the problem ahead in time and completely derailed his locomotive and engineer car, damaging his locomotive in the process. The damage could have been avoided if the person before had placed a green block.

Why am I writing this as if the person before knew of the damage? Check the picture and see what you think.

Damage happens, and when it does, please alert someone so it can get repaired or marked so the next train does not get damaged.

With this in mind, I will be putting together a web page where damage can get reported. But in the meantime, please use a green block.





## **Train Mountain 2023 Operations Meet**

**By Richard Croll, Trainmaster**

The 2023 Operations Meet is about to begin as you read this. The tentative schedule is as follows, subject to change if weather dictates:

- Sunday, June 25 - gather up the freight cars for inspection and stage near back shop.
- Monday - inspect cars and pre-sort. Will occur at back shop after the 8:30 morning meeting.
- Tuesday - sort cars in main yard. Check at event office for time.
- Wednesday - spot cars at starting locations. Will start from the main yard.
- Wednesday evening - social event - details will be provided during the morning meetings.
- Thursday - operations will begin after the morning meeting.
- Friday - operations will begin after the morning meeting.
- Saturday - operations until 1:00PM, after which car retrieval will begin.
- Saturday Evening - Banquet
- Sunday - bring in remaining cars, sort and return to owners or storage.

If you are new to the Operations Meet, we will have mentors available on Wednesday afternoon and after the meeting Thursday morning. Please let us know either at the morning meetings or in the Freight/Passenger Office that you want to make use of this.



## Helpful Hints Part 2

### Track numbers and industry spots

If you have run at Train Mountain, you have no doubt seen plates in the tracks with numbers on them. They usually identify the track number, and often its length in feet. The track ID numbers are used during the Operations Meet and appear on the Switch List. There are also industry names. These tell the crews where a car is to be spotted. In the case shown below, there are two industries at the town of New Isom, and one track ID with an "a" and "b".

Cars are to be spotted on the track shown on the switch list and should be close to the industry sign. Where there are actual buildings, cars should be spotted appropriately. Also please note that at locations such as Elizabeth, cars go to a stub track, not left on the siding itself. That is indicated by the signs there.

Remember, the whole idea is to have fun. The switch list system does that as well as providing some challenges. Think of it as a giant 3D board game. Points will be awarded to the freight crews, and the freight train numbers with the highest points will be recognized.

I hope you can join us for the Operation Meet this year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at railroc66@yahoo.com.





## Greetings from Joyce at the front office:

Our weather is being warm and sunny with an occasional thunderstorm here and there. It is so nice to see hummingbirds coming to the feeder, and for the first time in many years, I am seeing swallowtail butterflies frequenting the lilacs and other flowering plants.

The Narrow Gauge work week and meet was a bustling event with lots of attendance and activity. And not to be redundant since I always say this, but lots got done during the work week. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

The Hope Circle Shelter Dedication and Dinner were a huge success. I rode up on a train and saw the north side for the first time since shortly after the 2-4-2 fire. The green grasses and open scenery were refreshing and the trip was quite enjoyable. Dana and Chuck did a smashing job on the dinner. Gil Dominguez, Rodger Rude and Valerie Bedore did the dedication and John Cooper put in a few entertaining words. Walter Oellerich and his family celebrated Walter's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at the dedication and we all joined in in singing him a happy birthday.

The visitors, Harvest Hosts, school and summer camp field trips and group events are out in force. Train engineers and conductors are needed for the field trips and events. If you would like to help with any of these while you are at Train Mountain, please contact me in the Business Office or John in the Visitor Center. 541-783-3030



The Visitor Center is now open 7 days a week from 9 AM to 3 PM. Visitors can do the self-guided walking tour and take the educational rail tour on the ride-on scale train. They can also shop at the Company Store Cart in the Visitor Center or ask to be taken into the Company Store. We do not offer or provide anything else to walk-in visitors; however, they can sit and picnic or let their kids play at the play area for a bit. You may offer to put a visitor on your own train if you wish. Please do not tell visitors they can do anything other than this.

Visitors greatly appreciate your courtesy, show and tells and stories.

People asking for group visits, school and summer camp field trips or special events they wish to hold at Train Mountain and anyone wanting to do something unusual like a video shoot for the news, YouTube or social media, star gazing, chasing butterflies at Dam 4, etc. are to be sent directly to the Business Office. To avoid creating problems, causing disappointments or providing misinformation, do not give them with any information, make any promises or try to answer any of their questions yourself. Just refer them directly to the Business Office. 541-783-3030

If you know of anyone who is interested in a train excursion going all the way to Hope Circle and back, have them contact Pam Williams at 253-325-2023. She will be doing the excursions as a fundraiser during work weeks and meets, May through September.

Someone is currently at the front gate as security on Saturdays and Sundays between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Please be courteous to the security person by stopping and introducing yourself. Do not blow them off or try to blow by them by rushing through the gate. This is important for your safety,

the safety of any equipment you have here and for our security person's protection.

The Business Office hours remain as Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM with some Saturdays and Sundays during work weeks and meets.

The office will now be charging a \$5 deposit for all gator keys checked out of the office. You will no longer be able to just walk in and take one off of the hook. The new deposit requirement is due to the fact that gator keys are rarely ever returned to the office. Frequently the office has to order and pay for more gator keys. The deposit will be paid when you check the key out and will be returned to you when you return the key. If you don't return the key, we will keep your deposit so we can buy more keys.

Gator parking is in the vendor barn or on the east side of central station at the back side of the building. Do not park gators on the north side of the building around the carpenter shop area or by the garage. Those parked in the regular parking lot south of Crisp Yard cannot get out of or into the parking lot when it is clogged with gators and other vehicles.

As a reminder: Park your cargo trailers in the trailer parking area near South Meadow. If you park your trailer near the flag pole or near the gravel hopper up top, there are fewer parking places for visitors and other members. You will be required to move your trailer. If you are concerned about driving down the hill to the South Meadow area, you can ask someone in the Business Office to find someone to let you in through Katy Lane instead.



Entering through the gate before or after business hours? Please make sure no unauthorized/uninvited visitors follow you in through the gate as you enter and that they don't come in when you exit. Pull forward of the gate about 50 feet and wait until the gate closes to make sure this doesn't. While it is okay for members to enter outside business hours, it is not okay for visitors to come in during non-business times—that is unless you are willing to have them sign a waiver, stay with them and take responsibility for them.

Charlie cat has been very busy chasing and catching critters. He has also been spending a lot of time out in the woods with members and not much time at Central Station lately. He's worn himself pretty slim, but he is doing okay.

Maggie cat is much less timid now. She's been spending a lot of time in the office with me and letting more people pay her some attention instead of hiding herself away. Today she helped unfold some brochures I had just folded.

Oh, the life and mischief of a cat!

The Operations work week starts in a few days. We have a lot of sign ups for this meet and it is looking like it is going to be a pretty big one.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and look forward to seeing a lot of you here soon!

## What's spinning on the turntable?

[Rock Island Line](#), as covered by Billy Bragg and Joe Henry.

The song was originally written in 1929 by Clarence Wilson, a member of the Rock Island Colored Booster Quartet, a singing group of employees of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. It was first recorded by Leadbelly at an Arkansas prison farm. Johnny Cash recorded it in 1957 and this version uses his lyrics.

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## Red and Yellow Sheets

By Jeff Mills

During the **2022 OPS Meet** we had a **situation** where the Dispatcher on duty did not know what to do when a train broke down. A delayed train rescue was eventually completed. In the meantime, the **train crew was stranded in near 100F weather and uncertain whether assistance was on the way.**

This incident was discussed by the OPS Meet Committee and I created a way to **improve communication between Dispatch, Tower, and Freight Office.** The volunteers in these positions will be provided with a **step-by-step process to obtain assistance in emergency situations.**

I developed **“RED” and “YELLOW” Sheets.** These are printed on yellow and red paper and laminated. The **Red Sheet is for Medical or Fire Emergency** and the **Yellow Sheet is for train breakdowns or track problems.** They will be posted in Dispatch, Tower, and Freight Office.

These **list the steps to be taken by the person receiving the call for help and provide information** that will be needed **for the appropriate responders.** Copies of these sheets will follow this article.

Please take the time to read them. Being familiar with the procedures will **help your call** for help go smoother. These sheets are **guidelines, and every situation may have different requirements.** I will also place **Red Sheets at the First aid stations in our buildings.** You may be the person who needs help and smooth communications will **improve our communication with Responders.**

# Yellow Sheet

## Use in Event of Train Break Down or Damaged Track

### For Use by Dispatch, Control Tower and Office

**Fire or Medical Emergency – USE the Red Sheet.**

**Who** is reporting and **Cell** Number?

**Get nearest mile post and division from person plus:**

Direction of travel.

Landmarks in the area.

Is the problem **equipment related**?

The engine broke down and needs a tow.

The engine broke down but can be repaired in place. What's needed?

Is heavy rerailling equipment needed?

Is it a **track issue**?

If the track is **passable** then put out a **green block**.

If **not passable**, get person to **flag** or place **safety cone** on it.

Get **details** of problem to **assess tool/material** requirements.

Is it a **switch issue**?

If the switch is **passable** in **both** directions, put a **green block**.

If the switch is **not** passable in **one** direction, **which** one? (**green block**)

What **type of switch** is it?

Remotely Operated

Kick Switch

Electrically Controlled

Other

**Ensure person(s) reporting have a supply of water & can get in the shade.**

Refer to **back of the meet badge** for contact phone numbers.

Call ALL the numbers until you get an answer and relay problem reported.

10) Once **contact** is made with **track or train recovery crew**, contact person reporting with an **ETA** of help.



# **RED SHEET**

## **In Case of Fire or Medical Emergency**

### **Call 911**

Be prepared to Describe the nature of the emergency Fire or Medical  
Identify yourself.  
Your Location

### **Train Mountain 36941 So. Chiloquin Rd**

Is the emergency location north or south of the Chiloquin Road?

Nearest rally point to emergency

### **Call the Train Mountain Office 541-783-3030**

Repeat all the information from Step One

If additional people are on site have one of them call the TM Office This will allow the caller of 911 to stay online with the 911 operator

Ensure that someone is available to guide the responders

### **If Medical emergency additional information will be required**

Person's condition

Person's age and sex

Is this an injury from an accident?

Is this from a preexisting medical condition?

Any vital Signs that can be made?

First Aid being administered.

### **If Fire emergency additional information will be required**

What is burning vegetation, buildings or vehicle?

Is the fire spreading?

Has an attempt been made to control or suppress the fire?

Are there additional personnel in the building or area of the fire?

If instructed evacuate the area and make a head count of people to make sure no one is left behind.

### **Upon arrival of first responders, they will become the controller of the situation.**

Follow any instructions given.

Evacuate personnel as directed!

Keep on lookers away.

Do not return to the scene until instructed all is safe and secure.

**Once emergency responders are done on scene make sure that they have a clear path to exit the property. They may be responding to their next call. This may require someone to lead them to the exit point.**

## Narrow gauge meet

John Cooper and Jeff Mills

Both the work week and the meet were a success.

We got about 97% of all the raking, hauling and pine needles done. This is a hugely important task to help avoid fires on the Mountain. We worked out some better, more efficient procedures and we acquired some equipment that automates some of it, so hopefully it will be an easier task in the future.



The Hope Shelter project is complete. The group that built the shelter put on the banquet/dedication ceremony, which was very well attended. There was a lot of volunteer help and it came off really well. The Hope Circle Shelter Dedication was well attended and enjoyed by all. A big thanks go to Leonard Houpt, Gil Domingez, Rodger Rude, and Valerie Bedore for organizing the dedication, which took more planning than you might imagine. People came by train, others by shuttle van, and some brought their RVs and

camped overnight. As usual, Dana and Chuck outdid themselves, providing us with ribs, burgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings. While folks were enjoying the food, others were playing corn hole and other games. The shelter was christened with a bottle of beer. The fire department provided support with a fire engine and joined the party. Look for a longer article on the ceremony next month.

A remote switch operator was installed at Crane. We're working on the Rio Grande caboose so that tours can end there; that's partway done. The visitor's center is now open Saturday and Sunday. We're getting a lot of visitors.

Thanks to Matt Thomas for his photos!





# A Crane for the Blue Mountain Coal Structure

## My winter project

By Jeff Mills

I consulted with Jim Eakin last fall on the progress of the **reconstruction of the Blue Mountain Coal** structure. He mentioned that he wanted a crane to add to the building. This **crane was to be placed on the East-West Wing of the building** and would be in the engineering section. I was inspired and started to look at **photos of steam powered cranes that would be “period appropriate”**.

Once at my home shop, I scanned the internet for crane photos and found a prototype to copy (see attached photo). I decided to **make this crane posable but not operational**. By posable, I made the boom lift, hook, and cabin moveable. This would allow the **positions of the crane to be changed if desired for photo ops**. The next step was to determine what size to make the crane. I made an educated guess that a **boom of 30” length would be appropriate**. I built the boom and sized the other components to match it. A trip to the local hardware store provided some of the pulleys and other hardware. Everything else came from my stockpile of materials. After machining and welding the parts I still needed a **simulated boiler and water tank**. I had an out-of-date **fire extinguisher**. I discharged it into a garbage bag and then cut it down to make the boiler and water tank. A few old steam fittings and sight glass were added to finish it off.

To finish was a paint job and **bringing it to TM for Jim’s approval** and help install. Jim was quite impressed and immediately started building the engineering section of the building. By the end of the **Narrow Gauge Meet** this area was almost completed.

Jim Eakin started this reconstruction project last fall and has made great progress. To date he has **spent \$2600.00 on this project**. There have been a few generous donations from members; it would be great if we could support this effort and come up with some more donations to help with costs involved. **If you wish to donate you can donate through the Office. Make sure you note that your donation is for the Blue Mountain Coal Building reconstruction.**

After Jim completes the **reconstruction, a roof will be needed**. This job is one that **Jim is not going to take on**. Roofing will **require three phases**. **First** will be to **move the machine that rolls the corrugated roofing material** to the Ron Young Wood Shop. **Second** will be to **cut the roofing material to lengths required and roll the corrugations**. **Third** will be to **use the man lift and ladders to install the roofing**. We will be **looking for volunteers** to help with these last steps.

Once completed this will be the **largest model structure at Train Mountain**; it is **seen by all** visitors who go on our tour trains. It is also seen and enjoyed by all the members of Train Mountain. This will be a **feature** that we can be proud of and **will be a centerpiece** of our building models.





## Solar project update

**Dale Furseth**

For those who follow the Solar project at Train Mountain, which is now live and producing lots of electricity, and are curious how much power the solar panels are now producing, there is a link/button on the Train Mountain live camera web page that will show you a web page with all the information.

Look for this button and give it a try. This is a picture and not a link. You need to search for the button on your own if you really want the information!!



## From the Desk of the TMRR President

**By John Cooper**

The board is pleased to announce that Lindsay Eddy has accepted a position on the TMRR board. We are excited about the skills and sound judgement she will bring to TM's leadership team. Lindsay hails from Nevada, but she and her husband Steve spend much of the summer on campus in their motor home. Can't get much more local than that. Because she is filling Jeff Mills' vacancy, her position is by appointment until our next general election in September. Congratulations Lindsay!

In the last Gazette, I solicited for a volunteer to manage an official list of active projects and tasks needing to be completed. Joe Myall has volunteered to be our Task Curator. He has already been working closely with leadership and volunteer coordinators to establish such a list. If you are working on a project or see something that needs attention, contact Joe. Likewise, if you are feeling like you want to accomplish something but don't know what needs to be done, Joe can point you in the right direction. Big thanks to Joe!

## TMI Board Announcement

By Jeff Mills, **Visitor Operations**

The **Train Mountain Institute Board** would like to announce the recent **hiring of John Merwin** for the Visitor Center. John will be working **Thursday through Monday**. We also hired **Russ Wood** to work **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Both individuals bring a lot of experience meeting and greeting the public, along with knowledge of Train Mountain.

With dedicated people **manning our Visitors' Center**, we are now able to be **open to the public, 7 days a week** from 9am to 3pm. This allows travelers a better opportunity to see **Oregon's only zoned Train Park, Train Mountain Railroad Museum**. Visitors are our best avenue for **donations** which are vital to our non-profit status.

Since late May, we've had two volunteers **helping with Visitor Center duties**. **Ian and Cheryl McInnes**, who will be staying at TM until July.

We will be looking for **volunteers to replace Ian and Cheryl**. If you are interested in volunteering to help in **with our Visitors' Center** for a week or more, please contact me at [old-catd399@hotmail.com](mailto:old-catd399@hotmail.com) or **253-740-6013**.

Two of **our volunteer Tour Docents**, David Savage and Curtis Hoopes, have been the bedrock of our **Visitor Train Tours**. If you are interested in learning more about the Tours we provide, please contact me.

Members who **have not completed their annual viewing of the Safety Video** please contact **John Merwin in the Visitor Center after 9:00 AM**. He will arrange a viewing and log your participation. **Every year our members are required to view that video in person**.

Your support of the Visitor Center is greatly appreciated.



*Hope Shelter dedication party. Photo by Matt Thomas*

## TMI Fundraiser Train Mountain Railroad Museum Excursions Pam Williams

Train Mountain Institute Board has authorized our first **Fundraising Event**. These Excursions will be a full-day (minimum 6 hours) immersive tour of the entire Train Park. It will be an **educational and fun experience** for people who are not members of TMRR but would like to see more of **our one-of-a-kind Museum and Railroad**.

These excursions will be **offered by reservation only during Meet weeks** due to the special arrangements required to conduct such an event. The **fundraiser fee** of \$100 per adult, \$75 for ages 15-17 and \$50 for ages 12-14, includes a **full day of activities**. One of the pinnacles of those activities is a **sumptuous Picnic at Hope Circle!**

We encourage our attendees to **prepare for High Desert conditions** by dressing appropriately and bringing everything they might require for a **full day away from Central Station and their vehicle**. Train Mountain members are aware of the unique qualities of Train Mountain so we will try to prepare Excursion visitors for what they will encounter when traveling much of the railroad that spans our Train Park. It is no exaggeration to say that if one rode the entire railroad at one time, it could take 5+ hours.

We want everyone who joins us to have a wonderful experience. This journey is done using our scale railroad and the **cars are very low to the ground**. Therefore, we want to be told of any physical assistance our participants might require so we can accommodate them. Due to its duration and the area's High Desert conditions, particularly in the summer, this trip is **not appropriate for young children**.

**Flyers for the Excursions are now available in our Visitors' Center** and more information can be obtained by contacting **Pam Williams at 253-325-2023**.

This is an **exciting opportunity for people** to experience the grandeur and adventure of Train Mountain!



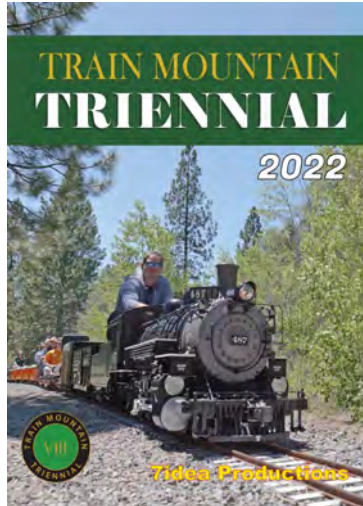
*Hope Circle, late afternoon. Photo by Matt Thomas*



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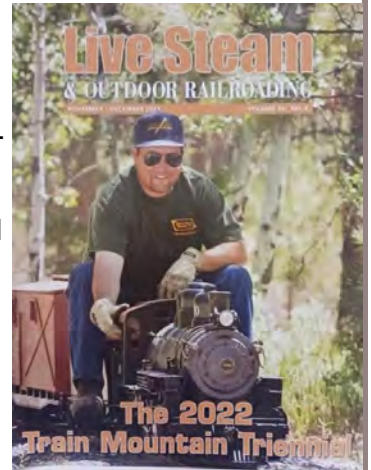
## 2022 Triennial Video Now Available

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](http://discoverlivesteam.com)

Did you see the great article and front cover story from the November / June 2023 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading? 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.



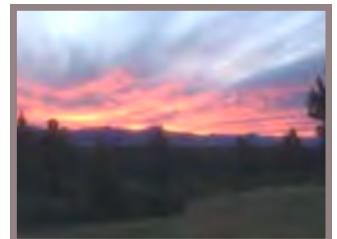
This comfortable house sits on 35 beautiful acres. 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Can sleep up to 6 people.

### 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



the Cascades. Enjoy a peaceful and private experience. 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Can sleep up to 8 people.



For more information please call: Julie 415-756-3943 or Mike 415-420-9026  
**10% off for train mountain members**

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## 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-



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**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.

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**DON'T YELL AT ME, I AM A VOLUNTEER!**



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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!**





# 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 June be held until the following month or rejected.

### **SUBMISSION CRITERIA**

Articles and ads June 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 ARIAL 12pt font—it can be displayed in all Browsers, and is easy to read. Please do NOT use the Calibri or Times New Roman 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.

Please send all articles to [lucindagilman@gmail.com](mailto: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 June be asked to leave.

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

If you want to get Train Mountain information and pictures while you're waiting for the next gazette, follow and like us on these social media platforms:



**YouTube**

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## **New Gate Code**

Due to security concerns, the Gate Code for the Train Mountain Main Gate June be changed at any time without notice. Any Member planning to arrive at Train Mountain when the Office is closed will need to contact the Office prior to arrival to ensure they have the current Gate Code.

**Get New Gate Code—Call Office 541-783-3030**



# Train Mountain Volunteer Hours

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Month & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Volunteer Hours Reporting

Dale Furseth has worked his techie magic on the member's part of our website again. You can now report your monthly volunteer hours online. From the Train Mountain Railroad home page, click on "Online Member Resources: Join Train Mountain: "Register for Meets", then on "Enter Volunteer Hours" or go there directly with this link:

[https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/Member\\_VolunteerHours.aspx](https://trainmtn.org/tmrrmembers/Member_VolunteerHours.aspx)

Choose your name from the drop down menu, enter your total hours in the box that matches the month you are reporting your hours for and click on “Update Information” to submit them. So-o-o simple! We hope you enjoy using this feature.