



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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## October

Hello everyone,

So here goes a feel-good story. We were down at our track a couple weekends ago and we walked by a woodpile. Suddenly the woodpile mewed at us.

Turns out it was an extremely cute kitten, who really, really wanted us to bring her home. Now we already have two cats, and don't really need another cat, but she was really cute... and we're suckers.

She turned out to be very, very sick. We got her to the vet in the nick of time and she still came within a whisker of dying. But she made a full recovery, and now she's happy, healthy and twice the size she was when we got her. We named her Velcro because she likes to attach herself to us.

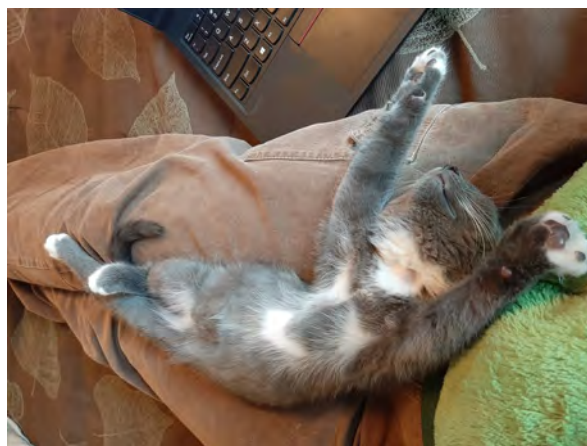
Not all track stories are train stories... just most of them.

We have a good chunk of train content this month: the Eclipse, Joyce as always, Train Game results, and a great article on the Wonder Bread Crew. Along the pet lines, we also have an article on the TM dog policy that I urge you to read if you have a canine pal.

If your track does it up for Halloween, please send us photos! We'll publish a series next month.

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### 2023 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule

	Polar Bear	Spring Awakening	Narrow Gauge	Ops Meet	October 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

### Join Train Mountain Now!

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# On Track

Dale Furseth

As the Fall Colors meet comes and goes, and the mornings are getting cooler and cooler, the Track Maintenance projects are wrapping up. It has been a good year, with a lot of projects being moved from the “Need to do” column to the “Completed” column.

Track replacement projects would not be possible without all the support from people working in the Track Shop, helping to make track panels and switches. This is a lot of never-ending work and has been led by Lindsay Eddy. With the help of a lot of visiting members, Lindsay has cranked out a *ton* of track panels. Everyone needs to tell Lindsay Thank You for her Track Shop work the next time you see her.

During the first week of October, in conjunction with the Fall Colors Meet, a group calling themselves the “Wonder Bread Crew” were here and worked to replace all the track around Youngstown. The aluminum-on-wood main line was replaced with steel-on-plastic track, which is a little over 850



feet long! The track that was removed from the main was then used to replace the sidings. The next time you are on the Serpentine, you can thank the Wonder Bread Crew for a very smooth ride.

This year, we also replaced the track in the Benji siding on Dogwalk, replaced the track at Woodpecker siding on the north side, and replaced the track in the Douglas siding before the entrance to Aspen Loop. Some stubs were also added to some of the sidings.

There was a lot of random single-section track replacement, and lots of tie-replacement work was done on older wooden switches. We have found that the old aluminum-on-wood switches are in good shape – just the ties are shot. Replacing the ties with the switch in place can basically renew the switch without having to take it out of service.

A project that took a lot of time this year was installing an electrical conduit from the back shop to the containers. In addition to digging and filling in a big ditch, most of the tracks and switches into the back shop were replaced.

Track work is just an ongoing maintenance requirement that every member can help with, which leads me to the Wonder Bread Brew.

## THE WONDER BREAD CREW

Train Mountain and members like me who do Track Maintenance projects are extremely lucky to have groups of members who come as a group to help out on large maintenance projects. This month one such group showed up and helped me with the Youngstown Replacement Project.





The group, whose main organizer is Matt Thomas, showed up with Ron Demoe, Kim Beard, new member Dennis Matzen, and a bunch of others who replaced over 1800 feet in a pretty tough week.

This group has taken on some other big projects over the years that might be familiar. One time, they replaced 45,000 screws in the main yard to add life to the really tired ties. They cleaned up Aspen Grove, stacking all the downed trees and making the grove look really nice. They worked on some of the track replacement thru Timberlake. They were responsible for laying the track for the Aspen bypass last year, and for the conduit ditch at the back shop. This is just a few of their projects. Their help and support are truly appreciated and make our club a much better place.

But don't feel left out! Anyone can form their own crew, and have a lot of fun helping out your railroad. Gather a group of your friends, choose a week when everyone takes vacation time, and come to Train Mountain to work really hard, and still have time to run your trains. You need to pick a clever name, have a great organizer, and bring Tylenol!! You will need it.

*It's not all work—they got to ride their trains!*



*Photos courtesy of Matt Thomas*



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## 2023 Train Game Meet Winners

Lindsay Eddy

Everyone who plays the Train Game is a winner! Learn the track, have fun, meet people and have some friendly competition between fellow members!

Here are the Train Game 2023 Meet 1<sup>st</sup> place winners.

Polar Bear Meet – **WV&CRR5152**, Mike and Angela Hoak (1 move)

Spring Awakening – Walter Hornbeck (10 moves)

Narrow Gauge – **mmulder**, Mike Mulder (22 moves)

Operations – Tim Willard (28 moves)

August - **BlueBoxCab**, Kirk and Nancy Devine (31 moves)

Big Build – Tim Willard (61 moves)

Fall Colors - **genetn**, Gene Nedrow (11 moves)

As of the Fall Colors Meet, the Train Game total moves for 2023 is 2,433 moves!!!!

Thank you to all that supported the Train Game!

## Greetings from Joyce at the front office:

Brrrr... It's gotten chilly here, but there are still a few warm fall days.

The Fall Colors meet was a flurry of activity with great attendance and many out running their trains. The weather was great—warm and sunny.

My guess is maybe 60 or more people attended. The Saturday night potluck, though quickly posted and lightly planned, was a great success thanks to all of the members who stepped in to make it happen.

Some members stayed for the October 14<sup>th</sup> Annular Eclipse.

Charlie cat is still spending the majority of his time up at Six Acre with Clay. He occasionally comes down to Central Station and hangs out a bit. Since Clay will be heading home, Charlie will probably spend more of his time at the station soon.

Kitty Maggie is doing fine. She has made a few friends over the summer and fall months, but still has a timid streak.

It has been a busy lively year with some great meets, lots of volunteers helping out, visitors and more. Thanks again to everyone!

It is time to start renewing (or joining) for the 2024 year and to start signing up for next year's meets. That can be done online, by mail or in the office.

I seem to be short on words today so will end off by saying:

Have a Happy Fall Holiday season!



## What's spinning on the turntable?

### Dolly Parton

#### [Train, Train](#)

Train, Train was written and originally performed by Shorty Medlocke; Dolly Parton made it a hit in 1999.

There is a real, full-scale steam train at Dollywood: it's a 20-minute mountain excursion through the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains.





## Review of the Dog policy at Train Mountain

Jeff Mills -- TMI Board Member

I have received complaints from members regarding the dog policy not being followed. Bringing your dog to Train Mountain is a privilege and you can be asked to remove your dog from the property. This policy is in effect to provide safety to other members and to the dogs themselves. If people continue to disregard the Dog Policy, we will take action to ensure the policy is followed. That will be less enjoyable for everyone with a dog.

Cheryl McInnes made a generous donation that allowed us to build a secure Dog Park where the dogs can be let loose. However, they must be monitored by a human. **Dogs are not to be left unattended.**

The following is taken directly from the TM Website and can be found under the heading of Train Mountain Documents. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact me or any TMI or TMRR Board Member.

### Train Mountain Dog Policy

Nice dogs are allowed on Train Mountain property; problem dogs are not.

1. Problem Dogs may be banned from the property by agreement of both TMRR and TMI.
2. Dogs must be on a leash except when they are secured in a railcar.
3. Dog owners must pick up their dog's poop and dispose of it properly.
4. Dogs must behave in a quiet and orderly manner. Those who frequently bark or yap will be banned from the property.
5. Only Service Dogs will be allowed in Central Station or any of the following areas: Living Quarters not on long term lease, areas where food is processed, meeting areas, or office spaces.

*Our friend Nathan's adorable dogs Lumi and Mischa.*

*Dogs may be cute, but scoop that poop!*





# Train Mountain Excursions

Pam Williams and Jeff Mills

Since January, Pam Williams has been developing a Train Mountain Institute Fundraiser called the Train Mountain Railroad Museum Excursion. The intention of these Fundraisers is to expose more of the public to the many aspects of our unique Train Park and 2200 acres of Private Forest. A fund-raising fee is requested and has been well received by those attending or expressing interest. As a non-profit organization, TMI needs to find ways to increase donations in a creative and public-minded manner.

The first two of those events happened during the Fall Colors meet. These Excursions are multiple faceted and include, the Visitor Safety video, PowerPoint presentations on the flora and fauna of the Klamath Basin and the Train Mountain Property, in particular. Discussion of Railroad Safety and Operations with comparisons about how the Train Mountain Railroad operates is included. The pinnacle of the Excursion is a custom picnic at Hope Circle Shelter. They take about six hours and cover over 90% of the Mainline Track on Train Mountain. Upon return to Central Station, tours of the Back Shop and Wood Shop are offered.

More TMI Fundraising Excursions will be offered during 2024 Meets, by reservation only. Meet dates are posted on Page 1 of this issue of *The Mountain Gazette*. There are flyers in the Visitor Center with details and a video posted on the Facebook page.





# The Eclipse at Train Mountain

Joyce Merwin

Approximately 40 people or more showed up for the October 14th annular eclipse at Train Mountain. Many watched from the Backshop parking lot while some watched from their camping areas.

Though it was cloudy, the eclipse peeked through some clear spots while the clouds moved by overhead. While this might seem a disappointment to some, for all of us watching, it made it more fun. It was a game of now we see it, now we don't. There were enough clear spots to see it as it began, while it was in full annular eclipse and as it was ending.



There was another potluck on the evening of October 14th. Once again everyone pitched in and all of the food was plentiful and great--minestrone soup, a casserole, lots of pizza, salad, dinner rolls, beverages and desserts. (I hope I didn't forget anything.)

Steve Eddy announced the 2023 winners of the Train Game at the potluck. There were a lot of players and many cars were moved.

Also, John Cooper announced at the October 14th potluck that the TMRR Board has approved the go ahead with the 2025 Triennial.

Next up is the April 8, 2024 total eclipse. It won't look total at Train Mountain, but should be fun!





## The Eclipse at Train Mountain



*Photos courtesy of Cheryl McInnes, Ron Williams and the TMRR cameras.*

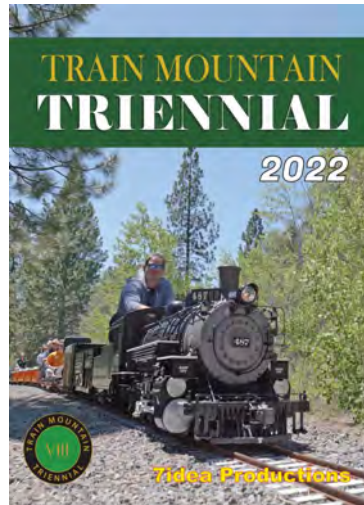




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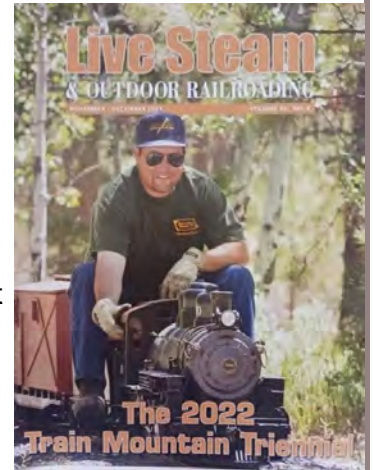
## 2022 Triennial Video Now Available

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 / December 2023 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroad-ing? 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.



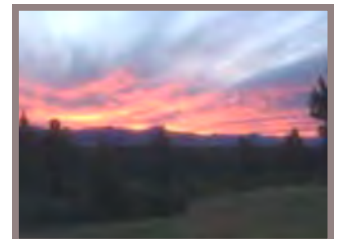
This comfortable house sits on 35 beautiful acres. 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Can sleep up to 6 people.

### 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-



**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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**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 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 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 may 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:



Facebook: [/trainmountainrailroad](https://www.facebook.com/trainmountainrailroad)

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

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

## **New Gate Code**

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

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

# 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.