



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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## November

Hello everyone,

A short and sweet Gazette this month. With snow starting to fall and part of the track closed for winter, there's not as much goings-on going on. We have our usual suspects Dale Furseth, Joyce and Theresa Shelby, and an update on Triennial signups.

Speaking of which, have you signed up for the Triennial yet? If so, have you signed up for a big passel'o'volunteer slots? Remember, it takes all of us together to make the Triennial run. We signed up to run golf carts and see nothing that could possibly go wrong with Xander driving—he just turned 10, after all.

Also—meet schedule below now updated for 2025 meets.

Cheers,

Lucinda Gilman and Xander Geraghty

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### 2025 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule

	Polar Bear	Spring Awakening	Narrow Gauge	Triennial	Ops	Big Build	Fall Colors
Work week		4/26-5/1	5/24-5/29	6/14-6/22	7/26-7/29	8/30-9/4	
Meet	1/17-1/20	5/2-5/4	5/30-6/1	6/23-6/29	7/30-8/3	9/5-9/7	10/10-10/13

**Join Train Mountain Now!**

Register or Join <https://trainmountain.org/>

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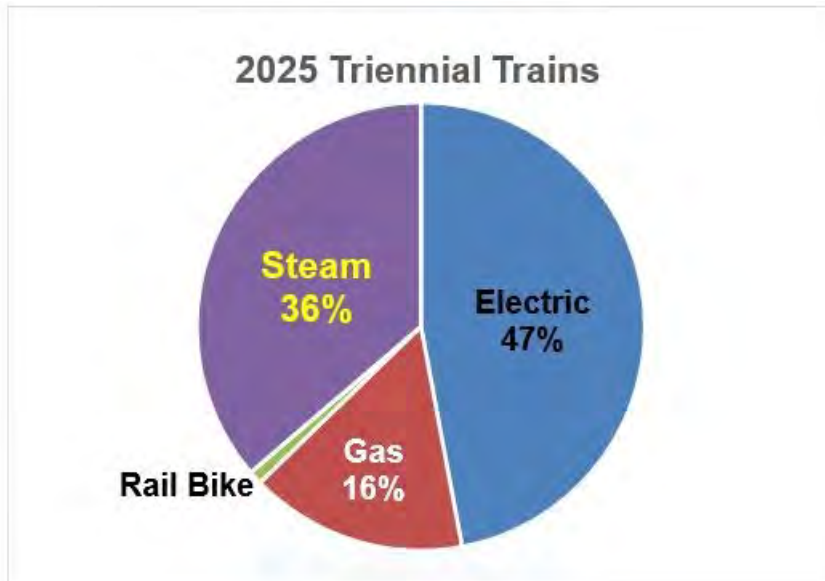
# How's the Triennial shaping up so far?

Russ Wood

As a committee member I am very pleased at the signups as of the end of the first month of registrations. We are also getting a good response from our model suppliers.

Remember the registration fee goes up a little each month you delay in signing up. It also makes it harder on the many committees to figure out manning requirements if we don't have an accurate count on who's coming and what you're bringing.

Here's the picture so far!



By count:

Electric	48	47.06%
Gas	16	15.69%
None	1	0.98%
Steam	37	36.27%
	102	

[Editor: I am a little surprised to see so many more electric locomotives than gas, but I guess that's the way the hobby is evolving!]

# On Track

Dale Furseth

Things are sure slowing down. Most of the members have gone back to their warm homes and their day jobs, the steady stream of visitors has slowed down, and the mornings are getting cooler. I am still trying to get track work done, and will continue working until the ground freezes. We'll just have to wait and see what kind of winter we have.

Ron Domoe helped do some root removal work at the beginning of this month, and I feel I should take this opportunity to talk a little about our frustrating effort to remove a single root.

We set out to take care of a nasty root, just at the exit to the K&W yard. The root was right at a track panel joint, so of course we had to pull two track panels out of the ground. The root was easily located and cut out, the ballast shoveled back and the two panels were set back in place. Ballast was shoveled back, the panels were leveled and tamped and that should have been that.

Ron pointed out that the adjacent track was also raised from the same root, except this time it was under a switch, so we removed the switch, removed the root, replaced the switch, reballasted and leveled and tamped. That short description does not in any way explain the amount of work removing and replacing a switch is. Switches are hard!

I was feeling good about our progress, when Ron again noticed that the *third* adjacent track was also raised by the same root! This time we got lucky and the root crossed in the middle of the track panel, so that was a simple remove, de-root and replace.

And sure enough, the root also extended under the fourth adjacent track, which required two panels to be removed.

So what started out as a trip out to remove a root under a piece of track turned into removing and replacing six panels of track and a switch, all to claim we removed a single root! It is never easy.

I have also been working on a track update down near G-ville. I will keep you in suspense by waiting until next month to give the details.







[This Photo](#) by Un-

## The Splinter

Theresa and Jeff Shelby

The woodshop has been very quiet this month. We have been getting projects up to/into the woodshop. On the tables right now are Chiloquin's Our Lady of St. Carmel Church, a train depot, and finishing the hobo camp alcohol still. Several other projects are waiting in the wings.

Another bug in all of your ears. The woodshop is seeking volunteers to adopt an area to breathe new life into and maintain that area. What you would be responsible for is; paint and small on-site repairs to the buildings and the landscape around the buildings. You will not be responsible for any major repairs or rebuilding of buildings, unless you choose to. If there is an area you are interested in adopting or if you want to build buildings for an industry, please email me, Theresa, at [trshelby@gmail.com](mailto:trshelby@gmail.com).



The Shelbys



## More woodshop work

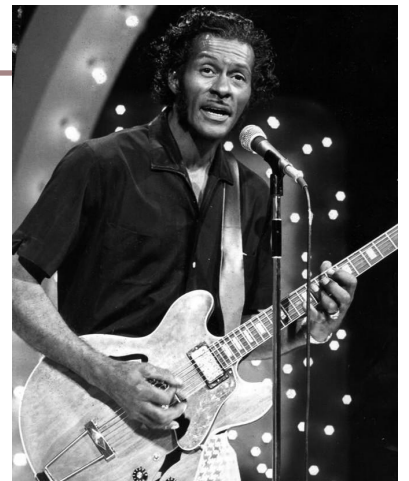


**What's spinning on the turntable?**

**Chuck Berry**

**[Downbound Train](#)**

Released in 1956, this is a good ol' train-as-metaphor-for-damnation gospel tune about an alcoholic who hallucinates a train ride to Hell and renounces liquor as a result.



## Greetings from Joyce in the Front Office

Mornings have turned particularly chilly. The afternoons vary from day to day between a pleasantly bearable temperature and just plain cold. We have been getting a little snow and some rain in the mix. It is too warm for much snow to stay on the ground yet.

The new office heat pump is keeping up with the chilly mornings and days so far.

Copies of the commemorative Weyco #101 USB are still available. They are \$20 each if purchased in-house and \$25 each if ordered online at <https://store40549072.company.site/> or by phone through the office 541-783-3030. \$25 includes \$20 for the USB and \$5 for shipping.

Lots of 2025 memberships and 2025 Triennial registrations poured in all through October, and continue to come in this month.

The new Train Mountain Railroad website made its debut on October 1, 2024. You can visit it at [trainmountain.org](https://trainmountain.org). 2025 memberships, meets and triennial registrations are now available on the new site. Please note that you will need to create a brand-new account for this site. Your sign-in information from the old site will not work on the new site. When a login window appears on the screen, click on Create Account near the bottom of that window to create your new account. You will need to sign up for your 2025 membership before you can register for the 2025 Triennial if you are bringing a train or trains to the Triennial.

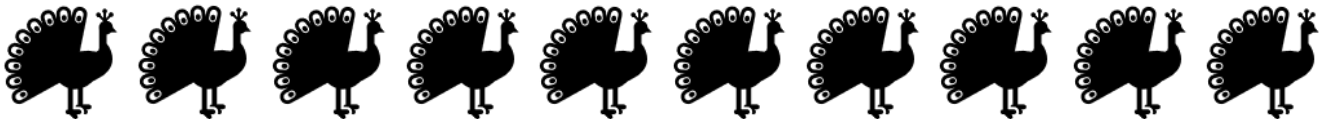
Visitors are still coming to Train Mountain despite the weather and the chill. We have been having some great and fun visitors. And, official greeter, Charlie cat, has been giving them the grand tour! The only issue is that many expect the trains to still be running. They have no concern for track and train safety or of turning into popsicles-on-a-train, it seems.

Harvest Hosts traffic has dropped off considerably. Weather and road conditions are interfering with their travel to and from Train Mountain, and the chilly temperatures are not much fun in an RV. I am sure we will see tons of them in the warmer months of next year!

Aside from visitors, I have been working on catching up on lots of paper and computer work. That is going well.

Thanksgiving is not far away. I hope you have some great plans for spending a day of thanks with family and/or friends, or even of just having a nice meal at home or out at a restaurant.

Happy Holidays!



(Yes, I know these aren't turkeys, but they kind of bear a tiny resemblance, right?)



## For Sale

### Fulton RR 4-4-0 Locomotive with Tender and 2 Passenger cars

**\$32,500 USD** *Price reduced!*

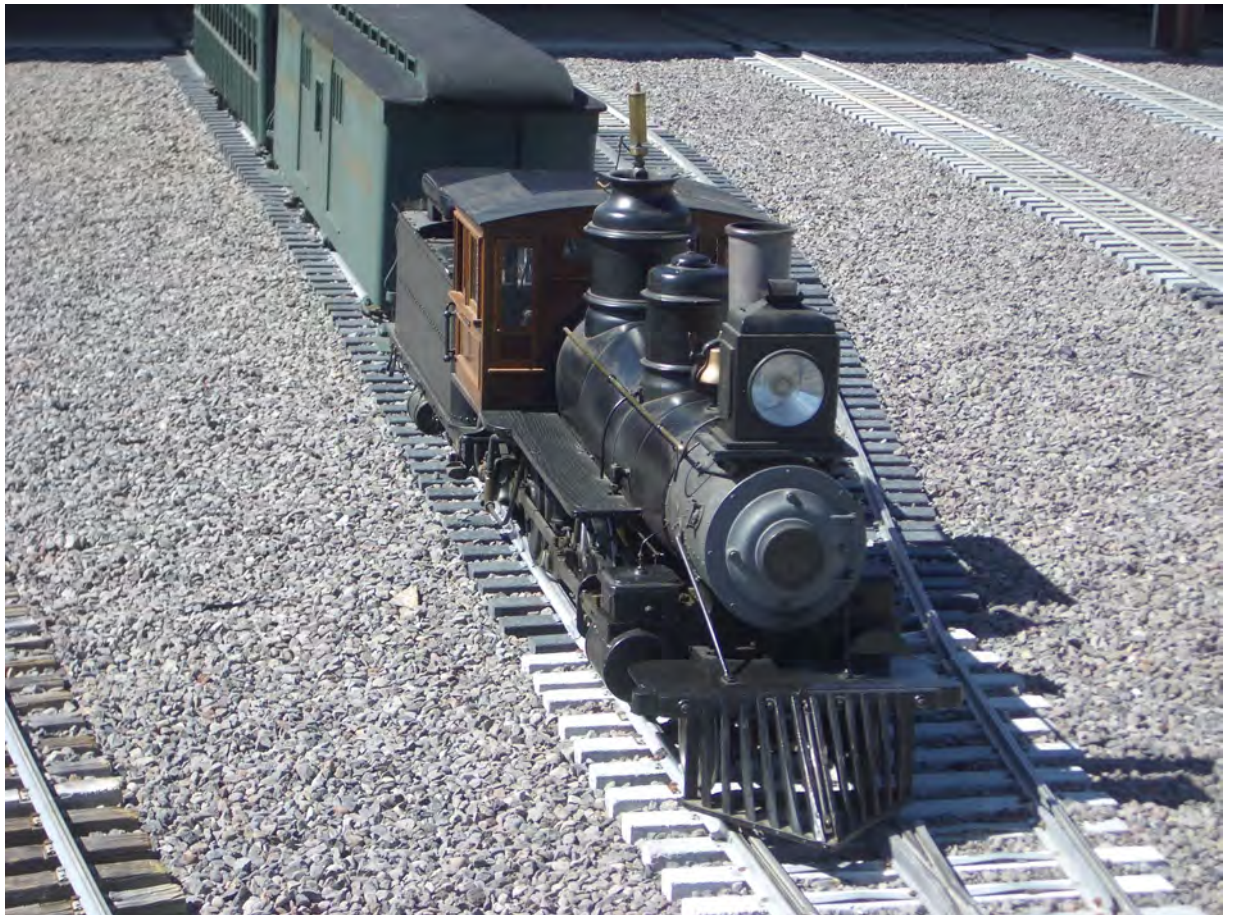
The engine is propane fired and runs very well. One car is a baggage car with provision for the propane tank, air compressor and battery. The other car is a passenger car with removable roof that allows passenger seating. In 2.5" to 1' scale 7.5" gauge.

This train set is of museum quality detail and was constructed by a group of distinguished builders. This engine is large for a 4-4-0 and is very capable. It deserves an owner's attention and admiration. More photos and video are available on request. (note: cars in the video are not included in the sale)

The train can be inspected at Train Mountain by appointment only. It's best to plan to view during the upcoming Train Mountain meets and work weeks. See the meet schedule on the Train Mountain Web site, ([www.trainmtn.org](http://www.trainmtn.org)).

Call the Train Mountain office for scheduling; ask for your inquiry to be sent to the Train Mountain Institute Board. Inquires during business hours only. This Train belongs to Train Mountain and proceeds will go to Train Mountain. Shipping and crating will be the responsibility of the buyer. FOB point would be Chiloquin, OR, 97624.

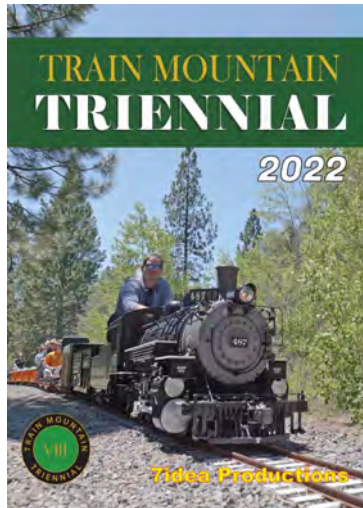
Reasonable offers will be considered.



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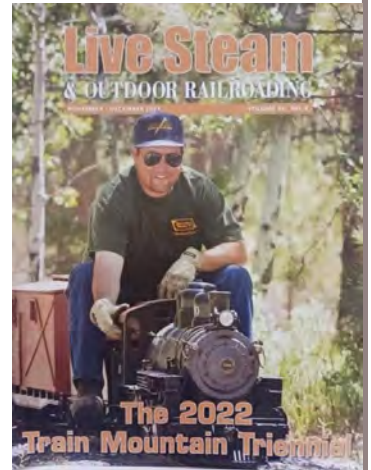
## 2022 Triennial Video Now Available

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 March / March 2024 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.



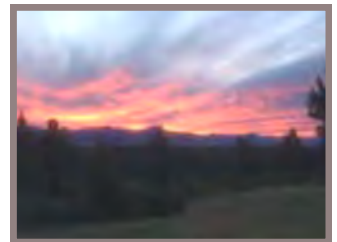
This comfortable house sits on 35 beautiful acres. 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Can sleep up to 6 people.

### 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**

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## The Potbelly cafe



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**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!**

**HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SELL?**

Place an ad in the Gazette!

1/8 Page: \$25/month or \$250/year

1/4 Page: \$40/month or \$400/year

1/2 Page: \$70/month or \$700/year

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**Please submit your volunteer hours. If you work off site or at home on Train Mountain projects - these hours count.**



**REMEMBER: No job is complete without the paperwork!**





# NOTICES

## **Gazette PUBLICATION DEADLINE:**

Submissions to the Gazette must be received by the 10th of the month of publication. The tenth of the month is to be the last day to submit material. Material received after the 10th of the month may be held until the following month or rejected.

### **SUBMISSION CRITERIA**

Articles and ads may be submitted via 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.**

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

**Please Volunteer at a Train Mountain Meet!**

## **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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