



# The Mountain GAZETTE

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The 2017 running season is essentially over, and we are now preparing for winter. In general, we had a very good year. The new highway signs immediately increased the drop-in public visitors by about 1000%. We are ill equipped to properly take care of the increased numbers - we are going through growing pains. Next year will be even busier with larger numbers of public visitors, and it is a Triennial year.

Speaking of the Triennial, the Triennial organizers have already been busy for a couple months getting the process started. And, that is the operative word, "started." Not everything is totally ready to go yet. Yes, there have been a few glitches, but they are being fixed when we learn of their existence. Please report them, have patience, and work with the TM office and we will take care of the problems. If we don't all take a breath and have patience, we may end up patients at the funny farm.

## Greetings from The Triennial Track Assignment Guy.

I enjoyed doing the track assignments so much in 2012 and 2015, that I decided to abuse myself one more time for the 2018 big party.

For those of you that are bringing equipment to the big party, I will attempt to keep you informed of your parking location(s) through e-mail, 2018tmtrack@att.net.

Those of you that are coming as groups and wish to be together please let me know as soon as possible. Track assignments are like playing stadium checkers, one reassignment can cause many others.

Electric locomotives are the biggest growth area. This was very apparent for the past two triennials. If you have your own charging capability let me know so that I can assign you to a track in the main yard or at the Klamath and Western's yard.

It goes without saying that the turntable and Crisp yard are reserved for steam. Crisp yard assignments are for the long trains 70 to 122 feet in length. They will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

**All train registrations need to be completed by May 31, 2018.**

Let's all have a great experience.

Dean

# Winter is Approaching

The K & W Pumpkin Express brought the first measurable snow of the Fall Season. It was almost gone by the time the event began, but that is not frost on the pumpkins - it's snow! There was about an inch first thing in the morning.

The wet snow turned to a "wintery mix" soon after the crowds began arriving, and the mixture of Oregon Ducks and Beavers did arrive. When asked about being out in the soggy cold weather, most parents said, "Our kids gave us no choice!"



Not only did many arrive early, but they kept coming all day.

It was wet and cold, and if you tried to wear gloves, they lasted about ten minutes before becoming soaked through.

All of the weather woes aside, the small faces with their wide smiles made up for the bad weather.

Round two comes on Saturday, Oct. 28, and is coming with a nice weather forecast.

The 28th will be very busy because there is nothing else like this in Klamath County, much like the Holiday Express when we had enough volunteers.



## **Train Mountain on Oregon Public Broadcast**

Several years ago Oregon Public Broadcast visited Train Mountain and filmed a short story about us that appeared in their Oregon Field Guide TV series. They returned again this last spring to film an updated story. This new segment on Train Mountain will appear in their Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> broadcast of Oregon Field Guide at 8:30 pm. If you cannot view directly on your TV, the program will be available shortly after this date for streaming from the opb.org website.

Editor's note: Oregon Field Guide is not at 8:30 in all areas. Please check your local PBS Station guide for accurate viewing dates and times.

## **Containerville Update**

By: Jerry Crane

The installation of the second row of storage containers is now complete. During the October mini work week we completed the required electrical work. There are still five storage containers for sale. They are \$5,000 each with roll up door. If purchased, you would own the container but would be required to pay an annual storage space fee. This fee for the full year in 2018 will be \$375. The fee would be prorated from time of occupancy. The rental terms are available from the office.

We have been receiving inquires from individuals who would like to store their train equipment at Train Mountain but don't need all the space in a full container. They would like to share the purchase of a container with one or two other members, or they would like to sublease a track in a container. If you would be interested in this type of arrangement, please contact the office and Joyce will put your name and wishes in a data base. We will then put you in contact with other members with the same needs.

Train Mountain is no longer renting new storage space in the Backshop. If you would like to store your equipment at Train Mountain it must be in one of the storage containers. We are pursuing this course of action because we cannot assure security of any personal equipment stored in the Backshop and we need all this storage area for Train Mountain owned equipment.

## **Steam Vendor Participation at the Triennial**

As you are all aware we currently have a policy in effect stating only PROPANE steam engines are allowed to operate at Train Mountain. Several of our valued steam vendors that have supported us in the past are primarily vendors of COAL or OIL fired steamers. As such for them to go to the considerable expense to attend and display at the Triennial and not operate is just not a good financial situation for them.

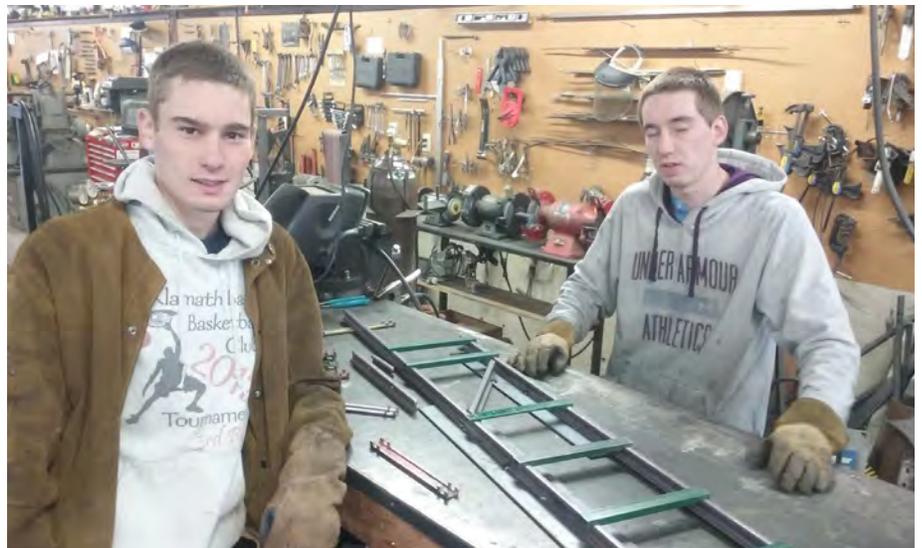
This is a matter of economics, they are NOT boycotting us, so please continue to give them the great support they deserve. We are in total support of them and their business decisions regarding this event.

# The New Diamonds

By John Cooper

On October 8th, the first of two new diamonds for Central Station was completed. My sons Thomas and Daniel were instrumental in the project. Daniel and I did the design and cut all the rails to the correct angles. Thomas who is a professional welder in Medford now, came over to weld it together. With the help of Dave Waterstreet, the diamond was attached to ties and installed. Dennis Ward had the inaugural run as he approached across the parking lot from Crisp Yard. The second curved diamond that will be installed south of the station is still in process. The rails have been cut and are awaiting a second visit from Thomas to do the welding.

L-R: Daniel and Thomas starting assembly in Backshop



Thomas did the welding.



Daniel using the mill to clean the flangeways



Daniel and Dave Waterstreet install the diamond as Les Dent looks on.



Completed diamond.

# Recap of October Mini-Work Week

By Jeff Mills

An additional work week was scheduled during the last days of the Big Build meet. It became apparent there were a significant number of tasks which needed to be completed before the end of the year with expected freezing conditions and snow fall.

Completing the electrical wiring on the new containers and installation of the LED lighting both have financial impact on Train Mountain. Completion of ballasting on the Central Station Yard Project and winterization also needed to be accomplished.

Lead by Jerry Crane, our workers were Joe Simon, Danny Chamrad, Jim and Sue Moore, Dave Waterstreet, Jim Henry, Jeff Mills and Pam Williams. We were also joined by John Cooper, Matt Mattioda and family, Dennis Ward and Charlie Bill for the weekend.

The Containerville electrical was completed. We still have five containers unsold but ready for occupancy. The LED conversion was completed in Central Station, Back Shop and Vendor Shed. The Track Shop, Motor Pool, Carpenter Shop and outside lights are yet to be completed. Dustin and Richard have been tasked for this work.



The ballasting of Central Station Yard is complete except for the diamond crossing leading to the turn table. John Cooper and son have started this diamond crossing and expect to have it completed in the next few weeks.

Winterization was started but a few systems needed to be used.. Upon completion of these tasks by Dustin and Richard, full winterization will be accomplished.

Despite short notice for this extra work week and thanks to all the volunteers who showed up, a lot of necessary work was accomplished. This allows us to apply full attention to Triennial preparations during the first two work weeks of 2018.

## What the Heck is a 'Thursday Yard'

OK, I have been getting lots of inquiries regarding our use of the term 'Thursday Yard'. A few Triennials back it became very obvious that we were in trouble regarding the large number of electricians coming to that meet. So at that time we had a stockpile of switches and track panels for our future use out on the main. A quick decision was made to put in a 'quickie yard' and it happened to be Thursday! We put down some plastic, laid out the yard and *wolla*, Thursday Yard! Well for 2018 we are having the same type of trouble and may do the same game playing and put in a couple of quickie yards. They will be based on wherever we can find a power source. These will not be fancy yards with pull through tracks and may require multiple members to share a track during recharge, etc. For those that don't require a charge they may need to be in one of the temp yards if they happen to fit.

Anyhow bottom line, don't be surprised at what we come up with because we want everyone to have a fun, safe, and convenient time on the Mountain. We'll get ya' a parking place, somewhere!

Old Thursday Yard:



## Proper Use of Machine Tools

As a member of Train Mountain we have access to some great facilities and tools. However if we are to continue the growth of the park and its infrastructure we must all learn to use the proper tools for the proper job. Each of our shops is designed and equipped to function efficiently for a specific task, IE the Track Shop, the Carpentry Shop, the Back Shop etc.

The Track Shop has milling machines, band saw, table saw, chop saw, radial arm saw, etc. These are setup specifically for working on PLASTIC ties, STEEL and ALUMINUM rail, etc. We won't be building any picnic tables in there.

The Carpentry Shop is really more of a model shop than a true WOOD shop. Yes we cut a lot of WOOD products in there but for the most part the blades and power tools are for the repair and maintenance of our growing inventory of miniature structures. With any wood machine tools there is always a chance of fire caused by the accumulation of wood dust. Ask anyone who has worked with our recycled plastic ties, there are foreign bodies in the plastic that cause sparks, which in turn . . . The cuttings from plastic are heavy and may or may not work in the dust collector system in the wood shop. Don't use the wood tools for anything but wood. Read that to be; it is a WOOD shop.

The Back Shop has a good variety of METAL working tools such as a lathe, milling machines, etc. It is excellent for doing METAL repairs on our rolling stock and engines. It also has a very small inventory of important things such as nuts, bolts, washers, etc.

The Motor Pool houses the equipment used to maintain the park and is generally not for members use. Dustin and Richard however can be consulted on doing major repairs on things such as trailers etc. They will use the tools and equipment, Members are not to use the Motor Pool equipment.

All of these shops and facilities need to be cleaned by US the members. If you make a mess, please leave it cleaner than you found it. If the trash cans are full, empty them. If you dirty some brushes, clean them up. Roll up air hoses, extension cords, etc. If you use some SUPPLIES and you use the last of those supplies please let the office know so we can reorder those supplies. The next batch of members using the facilities will greatly appreciate it.

So here's the bottom line, wood projects go to the Carpentry Shop, plastic ties and rail projects go to the Track Shop, rail cars and engines go to the Back Shop. See how simple that is? Proper tools located in the proper shops for use by US the members.

10-4-17

Dear Ken and  
Train Mountain,  
Thank you for the  
train ride. Getting  
to switch the  
switches was my  
favorite part. This  
was my first time

seeing a 7½"  
track. Thank you  
Ken for telling me  
about the inside  
of the engine.

Love,  
Henry

10-4-17

Henry, age 6  
Hillshoro, OR

## A HAPPY YOUNG VISITOR

These young visitors are our future. It is very important to show them a good time and promote their interest in the model and miniature train hobby.

Thanks to Ken Stanfield, and his train crew, from all of us for feeding Henry (age 6) a wealth of information on trains, and letting him throw the switches.

This is such a great example of how to do an interactive train tour where the tour guides actively involve the visitors.

## Greetings from Joyce at the front office:



Here it is October and the highway passes have already received some snow. Mount McLaughlin is covered with the white stuff and Crater Lake has gotten some too. We got a rain/snow mix about a week ago, but it is still quite dry here.

Despite the rather chilly mornings visitors are continuing to arrive and take our self-guided walking tour. We had some guests from Switzerland a few days ago.

2018 Memberships and Triennial Registrations have been pouring in! To answer some common questions and to help speed processing: you must be a 2018 member to get your train added to your Triennial Registration and to get your track assignment, so renew or get your membership for 2018 first, then sign up for the Triennial if you are doing it online. If you are registering by mail, send your membership renewal or new membership application with your Triennial Registration so that you can get a track assignment for your equipment. You can also fill in the forms and pay for your membership and Triennial Meet at the office. The office cannot take Triennial Registrations by phone. Only two adults can go on a Triennial Registration. If you have friends, other family or guests that you want to bring to the Triennial, they will need to be signed up on a separate Triennial Registration form. Children can be included in the registrations. Day Passes for individuals and families coming only one day of the Triennial will be available at the Triennial. Day Passes will not be available online, by mail or in the office before the Triennial. Day Passes do not include overnight camping. You cannot bring train equipment on a Day Pass

You can now also register for any of the regular 2018 meets online or download forms for mail-in registrations.

Regarding membership renewals and new memberships, you may begin using your membership as soon as your payment has cleared. It is not necessary to wait for your packet to arrive before using it. Before you get going, be sure to check in at the office and to also watch the safety video which is required to be viewed at least once a year.

Though the 2017 meets are over and tourist season has slowed way down, things are still hopping here with Triennial preparations, registrations, meet renewals and members wanting to get in some last minute running time before the winter season really hits.

Thank you so much to all of our dedicated volunteers. The LED light project is nearing completion, the ballast is in at the Main Yard and the electrical work has been completed at Containerville. And there are several other vital projects and other things that have gotten done.

I look forward to seeing all of you back here again next year, if not before!

Joyce

10/24/2017

October 2017:



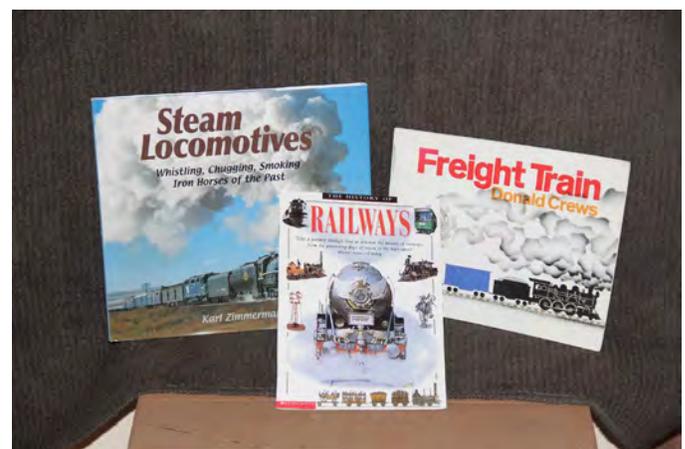
Met again with Art Crisp this month, continuing our video history of Over the Hill and Train Mountain. This session was all about Crisp Yard and other yards as well, although he wasn't too helpful in answering questions about Scotland Yard! Seriously, we learned a lot about the conception and construction of the yards at Train Mountain. For

example, how long it took from grading to completion and if there was a ribbon cutting upon completion. Check out our Train Mountain Library Archive for newspaper clippings of the Herald's coverage of these early years.

We asked Art which of the train/hobby periodical titles has been most helpful to him through the years. He said the NMRA Magazine and Bulletin, which, by the way, TM Library has from the Quentin years.

Pam and Steve Panzik have been present at these meetings with Art and have put forth questions to Art as well as helping by providing information as needed.

This month we have been adding to our children's book collection about trains. Two additional Golden Books have been added, as well."



# I AM NOT A ROBOT!

There have been a few changes made to the member's site, specifically where payment information is entered. The most noticeable change is that we have added a question asking if you are a robot. You check the box and depending on a bunch of things, you may be asked to choose from a set of pictures. You may be asked to click the pictures that show street signs, or click on pictures that show store fronts. It seems silly, but the questions and challenges are carefully crafted and updated by Google, and have an amazing success rate at determining if the entity pressing the keys is a real person or a computer program ("robot") trying to gain access.

The technology is called "CAPTCHA", or in our case "reCAPTCHA" and is quickly being the standard for online protection against robots, which pose a real problem to web sites. This is replacing the (to me) very irritating practice of trying to figure out what letters and numbers they are showing in fuzzy text. If you have questions or problems getting around the new challenge (or if you are a robot!), feel free to give Joyce a call in the office.

Dale Furseth

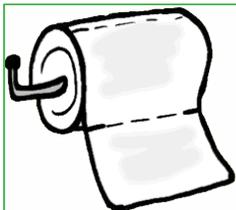
"the computer guy"

## 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/tmr-members/Member\\_VolunteerHours.aspx](https://trainmtn.org/tmr-members/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 new feature.

**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!**



# WEB-CAM GALLERY

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# NOTICES

## 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, or similar text file. Please use a common open source FONT such as ARIAL that can be displayed in all Browsers, and is easy to read. Please do NOT use the Calibri 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.

## 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.**

## Visitors to Train Mountain:

Train Mountain is very popular and is continually attracting visitors from throughout the world. We announce that our hours are from 10:00 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 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.

## **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.**

### **Train Mountain EMAIL**

**Is presently out of service. Please contact Joyce via email at [trnmtn.joyce@gmail.com](mailto:trnmtn.joyce@gmail.com)**

**The Gazette EMAIL Notice IS PRESENTLY OUT OF SERVICE. Until the bulk email service is restored, the Gazette will be published on the Train Mountain website around the end of each month without email notice.**

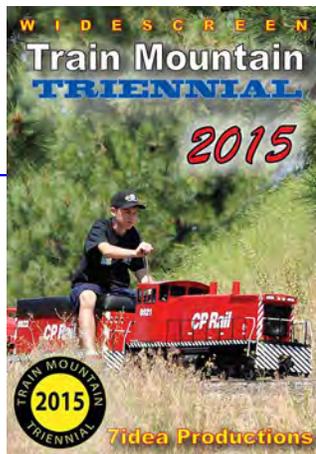
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# CLASSIFIEDS



## 2015 Triennial Video is available now!

The 2015 Train Mountain Triennial video from Aaron Bentsen at 7Idea Productions is now available through the [Train Mountain on-line store](#) or the main office at Train Mountain. Give them a call at 541-783-3030 and get a copy on the way to your place. It's \$29.95 for the video and free shipping and handling lower 48, \$6 S&H for all others. A most enjoyable video shot by a true video artist and of course our favorite subject, Train Mountain!



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 2015 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading? It is a great article covering the 2015 Triennial. and the great gang of folks that hang around the place and put on terrific live steam train meets. Pretty cool! web: [livesteam.net](http://livesteam.net)



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## What is Amazon Smile?

In a nutshell, it is a way for Train Mountain to receive 501c3 donations from Amazon.

According to Amazon: AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

When you go to Amazon Smile, choose Train Mountain Institute as your charity. In order for this to work, you must always start from Amazon Smile. Then all else is the same, your account, wish lists, etc. Also available is a direct link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-4031025> for the TMI account.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. I found that just about everything I purchased lately is eligible.

If we can get a large number of Train Mountain supporters to take advantage of the Amazon Smile program, this could result in sizable donations to Train Mountain.

[Click here for more information.](#)



## Kla-Mo-Ya Casino

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Kla-Mo-Ya Casino opened in 1997 and is owned and operated by the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Tribes. Set in the beautiful pines of Southern Oregon, we are located on Highway 97 near the junction of Highway 62 (Crater Lake Highway).

We are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and welcome travelers and groups from across the country year round.

Our Peak to Peak Restaurant is open 24 hours a day, with a full service lounge and beverage service available out on the gaming floor. Choose from great menu items like juicy steaks, classic salads and pastas, or try our beefy Triple 7 Burger if you are *really* hungry. Dine in or take out, we have a host of friendly staff to serve you. Check out our current menu from the Dining page of our website, and watch for monthly special features. The Peak to Peak restaurant welcomes groups, meetings or parties for special occasions.

Open from 7am to 9pm, the Espresso Bar serves a wide variety of espresso and coffee drinks, hot or cold, as well as fruit smoothies, frozen yogurt, desserts, and quick to-go lunches.

Our gaming floor has 344 slots with new games and themes being brought in all the time. Find out about our current slot promotions and check out recent jackpot winners on our website and Facebook page.

Try your hand at one of our four Blackjack tables. We offer double deck and six-deck blackjack with \$3 tables available every Monday. Keep up with promotions and tournaments available by checking our website.

Hours of operation:

Weds & Thurs: 12 noon – 8pm

Friday through Sunday: 12  
Noon – 12 Midnight

(closing times may vary depending on play)

Stop by the Bonus Club to sign up for a free membership card to earn rewards and qualify for our many promotions and giveaways. While you are there, browse through the unique selection of items in our Gift Shop.

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Come enjoy the warmth and excitement of Kla-Mo-Ya casino.



## Crater Lake Junction Travel Center

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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 Ya-hooskin 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 Mexi-Go or Mountain Fresh Pizza. Free Wi-Fi, a comfortable lounge with large screen TVs, laundry and shower facilities, and ATMs are all available.

Make sure to ask for a Crater Lake Junction Travel Center rewards membership card so that you can earn points for each purchase and visit. Your earned points can be applied toward future purchases.

Truckers, ask about trucker services and benefits for each visit. Convenience items and truck accessories are for sale, along with many useful daily provisions.

### Crater Lake National Park

Crater Lake National Park is located off Highway 62, just 34 miles from Kla-Mo-Ya Casino and the Crater Lake Junction Travel Center. After playing and fueling up, discover the world-famous beauty and amazing history of Crater Lake. Groups and parties, ask about casino shuttle service for your outing or adventure.

### Shuttle Service to and from Train Mountain

Kla-Mo-Ya Casino and the Crater Lake Junction Travel Center are also offering a free shuttle service for Train Mountain Members, Guests and Visitors.

Train Mountain people should see the TM Office for more details, schedules, and special events.