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February Carl Vanderspek Has Passed Away

By: Jerry Crane

The Board of Directors of Train Mountain and Friends of Train Mountain have the sad duty to report the passing away of one of our fellow board members. Carl Vanderspek died on Friday the 5th of February at his home in Burnaby, British Columbia.

His death was caused by cancer.



The importance of Carl to Train Mountain cannot be overstated. Train Mountain would not now exist if it wasn't for Carl's efforts.

In 2003 Carl and his wife Marg purchased a home and created a retreat next to Train Mountain so that they could enjoy our wonderful hobby.

When Quentin's financial problems threatened to close Train Mountain, Carl stepped in to make things right. He and John Black formed Friends of Train Mountain and put together the legal and financial instruments that rescued Train Mountain. He and John again took action after the government's leans on The Train Mountain properties were issued.

Their hard work resulted in Train Mountain becoming the non-profit organizations that we now enjoy. Carl continued his support in many other ways for the last several years.

Many of you have had the pleasure of visiting with Carl and Marg at their annual "Cruisin' to Canada" lawn party at their Train Mountain home.



He will be missed by us all.



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From the Desk of Train Mountain Railroad President February 2021

By Jeff Mills Board President

February marks our first step back to normalcy, with a long way to go still. Klamath County has been downgraded from Extreme Risk for Covid-19 Infections to High Risk. This allows Train Mountain to be open to members and very limited visitors. See our web page for details on the current restrictions. Hopefully, everyone who is eligible is getting their vaccinations soon if not already.

We must have plans in place for the upcoming meet season. With that said, we need volunteers for Volunteer Coordinators at each meet. Jordan Dobson has volunteered to be the Volunteer Coordinator for the Spring Awakening work week. It is important to get someone signed up for the Narrow-Gauge Meet. This position is a great experience and necessary for the management of the upcoming Triennial. Please contact me at oldcatd399@hotmail.com or the Office.

The Kitsap Live Steamers Work Week is April 10th to 17th and there are many important tasks to be accomplished during that week. They will go a long way to getting us prepared for the upcoming events. See the additional article in this issue of the Gazette.

The TMRR Board has approved the formation of a committee to review and revise our Boiler Inspection Policies and Procedures. This is our effort to be compliant with the recommendations of the ASME and Oregon State. The committee consists of Ken Olsen, Bill Dobbs, and Russ Noe. All these members have extensive experience in steam power. If you have any input for this committee, please contact one of these members or I can forward your inquiry to them. Our hope is to have a report from the committee by the Narrow-Gauge Meet. At that time we will probably test those procedures in a real-time situation.

Please check out the TMRR.org web page. Many messages have been updated and contain some important current information. These messages will be updated as conditions evolve. All restrictions posted on these messages must be followed.

Danny Chamrad is diligently updating the TMRR Encyclopedia by applying important input from members. This is a big undertaking and if you get a chance, THANK Danny for doing this. Boyd Butler is in the process of making modifications to the Fire Gondolas by adding some weight to them and changing the springs in the trucks. This will allow them to track better when loaded with the fire tools. Right now, they are about 40 pounds too light. Their end panels will be painted Fire Truck Red with added signage, "Fire Tools". Please thank Boyd for this work and remember to pick up after yourself when you work in the Back Shop. The tool you put away will be available for someone else to use.

TMI has ordered 19 tons of steel rail from Switzerland and we are expecting its arrival sometime in April or early May. This rail should allow us to complete the Timber Lake track replacement and the Rio Grande Loop among some other projects.

The Fecon 150 has been ordered and delivery is expected in March. The Project Coordinator from the Department of Agriculture has been on the property flagging the first forest units to be worked. This equipment, labor and supplies is being paid for by a grant. This will provide TM with a more fire resistant and healthy forest region. Member Russ Wood is the onsite coordinator of this extensive project.

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Friends of Train Mountain has hired Luke Conner to replace Dustin Barnes. Dustin has been a FTM employee for 13 years and provided excellent service to TM. He was instrumental, along with Richard Cox, in saving about 300 acres of our forest land during the 242 FIRE. Dustin will be missed, but we hope this move will be a great opportunity for Luke.

Now is a good time to pay for your membership and the upcoming meet passes. The All Meets Pass is a great deal if you plan on coming to multiple meets. Get your vaccinations and let us have a great year.

Kitsap Work Week 2021

By Jeff Mills

The Kitsap Work Week will be **April 10th Through April 17th** this year. Depending on Oregon State Covid Restrictions. We will be working on various projects in anticipation of the 2022 Triennial. Jerry Crane will be the Volunteer Coordinator for this work week and we will hold the usual morning volunteer meetings to assign volunteers to various tasks.

Lodgings will be provided on a first come basis and you may need to share a room. Camp Sites are available but hook ups are limited.

The local residents look forward to this work week as it is a sure sign winter is over and they can recover from winter's cabin fever.

You do not have to be a KLS or TM member to participate in this work week, all volunteers are welcomed. You will need to sign the provided liability waiver and view the TM Safety video on our website. This is a great time to come to Train Mountain and volunteer **without** having to **pay a meet fee**.

Please Contact Me at oldcatd399@hotmail.com or 253-740-6013. If you need to reserve a room please call the TM Office at 541-783-3030 Monday through Friday between 10 :00 AM and 3:00 PM

2021 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule

	Polar Bear Train Meet	Spring Awakening Train Meet	Narrow Gauge Train Meet	Operations Train Meet	August Train Meet	Big Build Train Meet	Fall Colors Train Meet
Work Week	none	5/1 to 5/6	5/22 to 5/27	6/19 to 6/23	7/24 to 7/29	9/4 to 9/9	none
Meet	1/15 to 1/18	5/7 to 5/9	5/28 to 5/30	6/24 to 6/27	7/30 to 8/1	9/10 to 9/12	10/8 to 10/12

CAUTION - CAUTION - CAUTION North of Schubert is still CLOSED

There are a large number of lumber vehicles working the burned out area North of Schubert. PLEASE do NOT venture into that area. They are not railroaders and will NOT be looking out for you. This land clearing will be ongoing for some time so once again please protect yourself and stay out of the area. They will be clearing the burnt area first and then they might also be assisting us in the future forest management project that is now in it 2nd year of planning. We are awaiting the signed ODF grant forms to start on that portion as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

Greetings from Joyce at the front office:

We have been getting a mixture of weather here. About a week ago five inches of snow blanketed the ground and draped the trees. Then there was some sunshine, clouds and a lot of snowmelt. Over this past weekend it rained and snowed. Only about an inch or so of snow fell but by yesterday afternoon it had mostly melted away.

We have received the sad news that Carl Vanderspek has passed away. Carl played a major role in helping to salvage Train Mountain from the IRS debacle several years ago. He has also been a major benefactor to Train Mountain. I will miss his rare surprise visits to the office. I had often become embarrassed by the fact that I didn't immediately recognize him when he came in. Sometimes he would wear a certain style of hat and sunglasses, then a different style of hat and sometimes no hat. I had finally gotten to the point where I could recognize him on the spot and then I didn't have to feel embarrassed anymore. I will always remember him as a very special person.

Our county CoVID-19 status has changed. We are once again able to be open to visitors for self-guided walking tours and Harvest Hosts. We continue to remain open for members. We are looking forward to continued improvement in the county status.

I hope all finds you well. We are looking forward to seeing you here.

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"

Coming Events from the Track Crew (addendum) an article by Dennis Ward—Track Superintendent

In last month's Gazette I wrote about future track upgrades. In addition to the work planned for the Rio Grande subdivision and for the south bound track across Timberlake we also have quite a bit of work to do on the Klamath and Western and the Hope subdivisions.

As most of you probably know by now the Jones Timber Tunnel on the Klamath and Western had to be daylighted due to dry rot in the bents and lining. Daylighting the tunnel means the right-of-way above the tunnel had to be realigned. The track which was in the tunnel has been removed as has that which was above the tunnel. As soon as Richard Cox completes the removal of the tunnel and the dirt work for the realignment of the grade above the tunnel, all of the track that was removed will have to be reinstalled. This will require close to 700' of track.

In addition to work on the Klamath and Western, track replacement in the Hope subdivision north of Schubert Wye will need to be done when the foresters have completed their work of clean up after the 242 fire. Approximately 400' of track and several switches near Hope Circle need replacement. Also, the track that has been removed in order to replace the burned out plastic culverts will need to be reinstalled. *(Pix by Dale Furseth)*



On another note—our tie material has arrived from our Canadian supplier and our rail is on its way. I have been cutting ties in anticipation of rail arrival. The rail, manufactured in Switzerland, is supposedly in a container aboard the GSL Kalliopi. I have been following the Kalliopi on a vessel finder app at <<https://www.vesselfinder.com/?imo=9285689>>. Since I have started tracking her, Kalliopi has been to Valencia, Spain, Naples and Gioia Tauro, Italy. As I type this she is in Leghorn near Livorno, Italy. She has spent a lot of time going around in circles between ports of call. As near as I can tell her most recent port call in the United States was in Savannah, GA.

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!

In memory of George English Hoke - April 3, 1927 - November 5, 2020



George English Hoke, a gentle man, died peacefully at his home in Bellevue on November 5, 2020. Born to George Edwin and Krin English Hoke at Valley Ranch, NM, and having grown up in states across the country, George lived a life filled with learning and friendship. He married Clementena Betsey Mickelson in 1957, who passed away in 2003.



Trained as a mechanical engineer at Purdue University (1950) and an honorably discharged servicemember in both the Navy (1946) and the Army (1954), he worked as a mechanical engineer at the Boeing Company for 33 years. He was named the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Engineering Division Employee of the Year in 1988.

He was always a train enthusiast. This picture of George as a child has his mother's note on the back, "he hasn't missed seeing any of the trains going thru." George's children remember many hikes following old railroad right of ways. However, George was most proud of the steam locomotive he built.



He was an innovative, ever-curious man with little time for television. He was a woodworker, machinist, and avid reader and writer. He loved the mountains and waters of the Pacific Northwest and raised his family to camp, hike, boat, and travel. Following his retirement, he machined and constructed a 1/8th-scale steam locomotive, which he operated at Train Mountain Railroad in southern Oregon and Kitsap Live Steamers in Washington. He shared his love for trains with his family during many summer trips to Train Mountain. Even at 93 years of age he was still interested in his locomotive and was working to repair problems and make improvements.

A lover of education and learning, George dedicated many hours to researching family history. He compiled a genealogy of the Hoke-English line dating back to the arrival of his ancestors in North America. He wrote family histories on the life of his grandfather, C. C. Hoke, and his own story.

After Betsey's passing, George met Beverly Kendall and they spent many years together prior to Beverly's death earlier in 2020.

George is survived by his five siblings: Marty Bowne, Charles Hoke (Carol), William Hoke (Patty Graf), Amanda DuBois (Philip), and Chad Hoke (Linda Kobara); three children: Tena Hoke (Jim Binkley), Duncan Hoke (Debra McAuley), and Nancy Devine (Kirk); honorary family member Annamaria Sarosi; and six grandchildren: Cameron Devine, Harrison Devine, Andrew Hoke, Monika Hoke, Emily Hoke, and Alexandra Robertson.



He cherished friendships with a wide group of people, including train friends, neighbors, former classmates, and co-workers. His many friends remember that his door was always open and that he was eminently hospitable, inquisitive, kind, civically engaged, generous, and thoughtful.

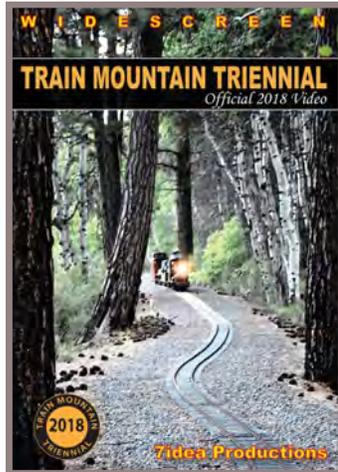
Donations may be made in his name to Hogar Infantil of Texas, Kitsap Live Steamers, or the Train Mountain Institute.

He was inurned at Sunset Hills Memorial Park. Online guestbook at dignitymemorial.com.

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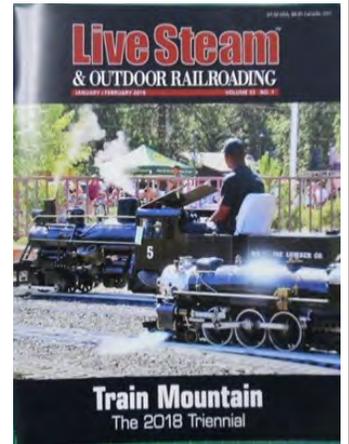
2018 Triennial Video Now Available

The 2018 Train Mountain Triennial video from Aaron Benson at 7Idea Productions is now available. You can order online at the link shown or you can 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!



Our good friend Jim over at Discover Live Steam has placed ads for us on his terrific website, thanks Jim. discoverlivesteam.com

Did you see the great article and front cover story from the January / February 2019 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading? It is a great article covering the 2018 Triennial. and the great gang of folks that hang around the place and put on terrific live steam trainmeets. As an added bonus there is a photo album by member Michelle Moore! How about that! Pretty cool!



Crater Lake/ Train Mountain Vacation Rentals

Crater Lake Chalet

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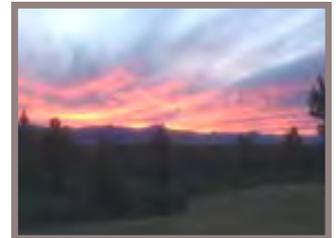


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2-8-2 Mikado, 1.6 scale, Great Northern
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Engine can be viewed at KLS track, in Washington by arrangement. Delivery to West Coast may be arranged. Details and photographs available to interested parties by contacting bearwolf222@gmail.com.

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.

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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

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.

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.

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

