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## January

If you have been paying close attention to that number on the bottom of the page you will notice that it just got much bigger! That's because we have just jumped from counting MONTHS until the Triennial, to counting **WEEKS** until the big (party) event! That is both good news and bad news! The good news is the party is coming. The bad news is we still have lot's of work to do to get ready so that all of you can come and have a great time here on the Mountain.

Dennis has been working building some additional switches to add to the track inventory. However, he had to stop building track panels as the snow slid off the roof and totally buried the Track-Shop transfer table! Ouch! He has some pix in his report this month.

Dale has promised to get back to doing track work. Seems he is using the excuse of: the track panels being frozen to the ground; or some other weak *EXCUSE!*

We are still missing some key Committee Chairman. We really need your help as these positions are vital to insure that we have a smooth and fun Triennial. We also need you to sign up to be on some of those committees. We can't run an event as big as the Triennial without you!

For all the whining we do about raking and picking up pine needles, after several weeks of snow and ice and 20 degree weather, I am sort of leaning towards getting some raking in before to long (Oh I really didn't say that, did I?).

As things continue to escalate around here prior to the 'Big One'. We also need to step back, take a deep breath. and try to remember this is all supposed to be fun. Have a little respect for the folks that are trying their very best to see that you can come here and have a lot of fun without to many hassles. Yes, we have had many Triennials, but for most of the committee folks, this is their first time. Respect and patience is all we can ask for, the rest is up to you.

And on your right is one of our winter visitors enjoying the park!



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Meet June 20-26 2022**

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## From the Desk of Train Mountain Railroad President - By Jeff Mills

Right now, at Train Mountain there is the winter snow on the ground and the Polar Bear Meet will be under way soon. It will be interesting to see if there is any successful plowing of snow during this meet. January also finds us in a countdown to the 2022 Triennial. Plans are proceeding however everyone needs to understand that the pandemic may still interrupt even our best laid ones. But continuing to make every effort to be prepared for this event is not futile. It will only leave us ready to make this event happen more successfully. So, keep making YOUR plans to attend our Triennial as scheduled. Everyone will be apprised if there are any changes.

Now is a good time to renew your membership for 2022 if you have not already done so. We are now in the second tier of Triennial fees, which will be in effect until March 31<sup>st</sup>. So, get your plans made and get registered.

We are still looking for Committee Chairs for Arrival Check In, First Aid, Parking, Security, South Meadow Camp Host and Post Triennial Clean up. If you are interested in chairing one of these committee's please contact Jeff Mills at [oldcatd399@hotmail.com](mailto:oldcatd399@hotmail.com). We would consider co-chairpersons for any of these committees and or husband and wife co-chairs.

Danny Chamrad has been receiving Triennial volunteers signing up for daily shifts for the various committees. If you want to enhance your Tri-experience, please volunteer for a shift on a specific committee, by contacting Danny at [djc2jr@hotmail.com](mailto:djc2jr@hotmail.com). Danny prepares an excel spreadsheet for each committee each day with those signups. These spreadsheets are distributed to the committee chairs and the Triennial Office allowing us to see where coverage is needed and direct signups thru the Triennial Office.

As of December 31st, we have 527 people registered for the 2022 Triennial. We are on track to exceed the number of trains from previous Triennials. Be sure to watch our media sources such as Facebook, read the Gazette every month and view our website often. By all means, be flexible to changing situations. Our facility will be stretched to capacity. Attention to safety is of the utmost importance as always.

We hope 2022 is a better year for all of us and we wish everyone safe railroading!

## Triennial Volunteer Request - Woody Lewis

I am the Triennial BackShop Committee Chairman and I would like to have you on my team. During the Triennial the BackShop can get very busy and we need to assist our fellow members in expediting their specific repairs. We need to man the shop in 2 hour shifts to give the regulars a chance to enjoy the meet. If this is something that you would like to do please contact me:

Woody Lewis Triennial BackShop Chairman  
mogul@dspprr.com

*Thanks in advance*

### 2022 Train Mountain Train Meet Schedule

	Polar Bear Train Meet	Spring Awakening Train Meet	Narrow Gauge Train Meet	Triennial Train Meet	Operations Train Meet	Big Build Train Meet	Fall Colors Train Meet
Work Week	none	4 /30 to 5 /5	5 /21 to 5 /26	6 /11 to 6 /19	7 /23 to 7 /27	9/3 to 9 /8	none
Meet	1 /14 to 1 /16	5 /6 to 5 /8	5 /27 to 5 /29	6 /20 to 6 /26	7 /28 to 7/31	9 /9 to 9 /11	10 /7 to 10 /10

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## January Report

an article by Dennis Ward—Track Superintendent

Snow in December stopped track work for 2021. So, the track shop went into increased production. Until that too came to a halt because the snow piled up on the transfer table and we couldn't get the track out of the now crowded track shop. There are a few feet of snow, which slid from the roof, still blocking the transfer table.



Being resourceful, the track shop crew has moved to the switch shop to mill and drill switch components. The plan is to have material available to quickly assemble a switch should one be required to replace a damaged switch on the railroad. Dale Furseth has welded up enough #9 frogs to build ten 75 foot radius switches — five left, five right. We have enough #11 frogs to build an equal number of 100 foot switches. Charlie Bill Schubert has been assisting with the drilling and cutting rail and other steel components. Dr. Larry DaBrois and Ron Green contributed by moving some of the snow out of the way or braving the icy roads to come to Train Mountain to work on track production.

## Another Funding Source for Train Mountain

by Dale Furseth

How can going to the grocery store help Train Mountain? If you shop at Fred Meyers, it is easy, and painless! The Kroeger stores, of which Fred Meyers is one, has a community rewards program. By connecting your Fred Meyers account to Train Mountain, a percentage of your purchases get paid to Train Mountain. There is no impact to your account – your coupons and gas rewards and everything else stay the same – just a percentage now goes to Train Mountain. This is a great program. If you shop at Fred Meyers, please consider linking your account. It will really help Train Mountain.

### Here is how to sign up.

1. Sign in to your Fred Meyers account (either thru the app or thru the web site). If you don't have an account, sign up for one. It is free and easy.
2. On the menu bar on the left, find and click on Community Rewards
3. In the "Find an Organization", type Train Mountain
4. In the box labeled "Train Mountain Institute", click Enroll

That's it! You are enrolled and a percentage of all your purchases will be sent to help support Train Mountain.

Let the Office know if you are able to get signed up. This also might work with other Kroger stores, but I don't know if Train Mountain is listed in the others. It might just be Fred Meyers. Thank you.

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## Kitsap Work Week 2022

By Jeff Mills

The Kitsap Work Week will be April 9th Through April 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Campsites are available. 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 welcome. 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](mailto: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.

*From the editor:*

*The folks from Kitsap have been doing this Kitsap Work Week for many years and it is a real special event for the park and the club in general. They have their own track and haul the public on weekends but still they come down here and do this event. What is special is that they don't necessarily do a lot of hard work but what they do is sort of an inventory of what needs to be done this season in order to open and operate the park. Sometimes its track work, sometimes its brush clearing, and sometimes its . . . . Anyhow with a 2,200 acre park and only a few locals it is always a treat to have them here and we all are very appreciative of their work. BTW many of them have served as Train Mountain BOD members and our current president is also a Kitsap member. So thank you , thank you, thank you, to all of the Kitsap gang and see ya' in April!*



## HOPE SHELTER PROJECT UPDATE

Greetings & Happy New Year 2022

The Hope Shelter Committee (HSC) has been busy this past month. Currently, the committee members are in the process of obtaining quotes from various companies and mills, regarding processing/ milling the wood, roofing, picnic tables and hardware.

There is also a lot of research occurring regarding county permits, engineering specs, contracts, securing a work space at Train Mountain (TM) and the forest service.

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## Greetings from Joyce at the front office:

We definitely got a White Christmas and then some. The soft fluffy snow was beautiful. So were the humongous icicles that were hanging from eaves near the kitchen door. The last several days have been sunnier and warmer. It is still quite chilly at night and in the morning. Though there is a fair amount of snow around, a lot of it has melted and the icicles are long gone. What remains is good and crunchy.

Spring seems very enticing given that instead of shoveling and heaving heavy snow around, one gets to rake light weight pine cones and pine needles instead.

Donations from the Fred Meyer program have already started coming in! The thoughtfulness of those who have signed up for the program is greatly appreciated. If you want to pitch in, there is an article written by Dale Furseth that describes what it is and how to sign up with Fred Meyer. Triennial registrations now exceed 300! A lot of people jumped in before the January 1<sup>st</sup> rate change took hold.

2022 memberships are at 364 with 652 members including all primary and family members. That is quite a jump from last month!

As a reminder, it is necessary to renew or join Train Mountain for 2022 before you can add any trains to your Triennial registration. This is true whether you pay for the Triennial meet online, through the office or by mail. Your trains cannot be included in your Triennial meet registration nor can you be given a track assignment for your train unless you have a 2022 membership.

Thank you to those who have sent in their volunteer hours for 2021. If you have volunteer hours you have not reported to the office yet, please do so.

Visitor traffic is continuing on at its normal winter trickle. In the mix have been some truly adorable children. One of them, a two year old, if even that old, is already a huge train enthusiast. It is likely that we will be seeing more of him in the future.

I hope that the 2022 year is a good one for you.

Be kind, stay safe and do great.

The office crew and Charlie, the cat, are looking forward to seeing you all here!



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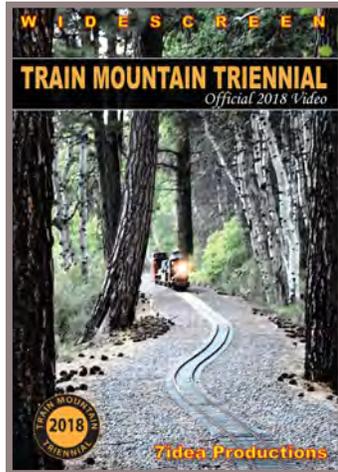
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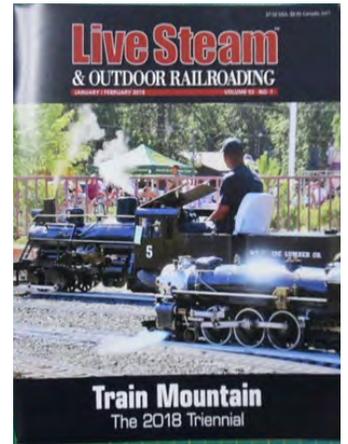
## 2018 Triennial Video Now Available

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](http://discoverlivesteam.com)

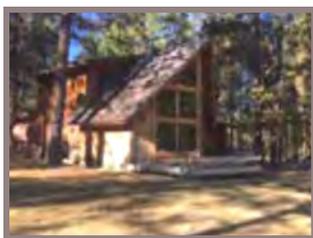
Did you see the great article and front cover story from the January / February 2019 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading? It is a great article covering the 2018 Triennial. and the great gang of folks that hang around the place and put on terrific live steam trainmeets. As an added bonus there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



## Crater Lake/ Train Mountain Vacation Rentals

### Crater Lake Chalet

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.



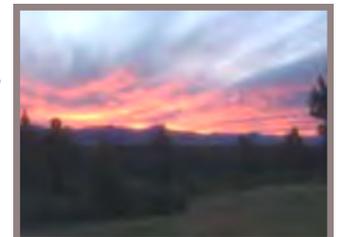
This comfortable house sits on 35 beautiful acres. 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Can sleep up to 6 people.

### 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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### Choo Choo Wanted - Special Request

My son Xander and I are huge train fans. We've been riding trains at Shady Dell up in Portland since he was two, and driving trains there since last year. Xander drives the trains too and loves it. We're looking to take the next step and buy a locomotive of our own; we want to bring it to the Triennial and are very excited about running there. If anybody is interested in selling a good, solid, reliable 4 axle gas or electric locomotive, and seeing it go to a good home, they could text or call me at 503-956-2651 or email [Lucindagilman@gmail.com](mailto:Lucindagilman@gmail.com). I'm looking for something that can pull a few cars + people at Shady Dell on the weekends and won't balk at chugging around Train Mountain all day.

I know what these cost and have a reasonable, but not extravagant budget.

*Thanks, Lucinda*

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## 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.

**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!**

## 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"

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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.**

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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.

## **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

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## **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.

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## **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.

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