

2012 GNRHS Convention

Schedule of Events and Planning Information

(NOTE: info current as of April 2012, speakers and presentations may change)

Saturday, July 7, 2012

8 AM to 5 PM - Charter bus tour to Train Mountain and Collier State Park

Train Mountain Railroad is located near [Chiloquin, Oregon](#), in [Klamath County](#) which is in the south central region of Oregon. This miniature railroad is situated between [Klamath Falls, Oregon](#), approximately 26 miles to the south, and [Crater Lake National Park](#) to the north. The approximately 2400 acre property borders Highway 97 on the east side, Highway 62 (Crater Lake Highway) on the west side, and Highway 422 on the north.^[1] The track and facilities which are not obscured by trees are clearly visible on [Google Earth](#).

In the 2004 [Guinness World Records](#) Train Mountain is recognized as the "Longest Miniature Hobby Railroad".^[3] At the time Train Mountain was recognized by Guinness it was reported to have 69,900 feet (13¼ miles) of 7½" gauge mainline track and 133,250 feet (25¼ miles) of total track, which includes yards, sidings, spurs, and connector tracks. During the following years approximately 10 additional miles of new track has been added at Train Mountain.^[4]

The Train Mountain 7-1/2" gauge track is typically used for 1.5" scale trains (1.5" to 12" or 1/8 scale). Trains of 2.5" scale (2.5" to 12") are also common at Train Mountain. Some 2.5" scale steam locomotives can weigh in excess of 3500 pounds for the engine and tender when fully loaded with water and fuel.

Train Mountain Railroad Museum^[5] also exists on the Train Mountain property, and consists of antique full size railroad rolling stock and artifacts which are on display. One of the most notable is the 100 ton antique steam powered rotary snow blower or [Rotary snowplow](#), SP MW206, Built by ALCo (Cooke), 11/1923, #65353,^[6] that was used to remove snow from the track between Klamath Falls and Eugene, Oregon. The Rotary Snow Blower was moved to Train Mountain on November 16, 2008, where it continues to be on display.

Collier Memorial State Park features the **Collier Logging Museum**, an outdoor museum with a large collection of historic logging equipment. Some items date back to the 1880s and many are quite rare. The collection includes ox drawn "[high wheels](#)" used to raise the forward end of logs off the ground so they could be [skidded](#) through the forest to a collection area. Steam-powered "[donkey engines](#)" used steel cables to haul logs to a collection point. There are also [steam tractors](#) and diesel "[cats](#)" that performed the same function in their turn. The most modern piece of logging equipment on display is a Beloit [tree harvester](#). The harvester, operated by one person, cuts trees near ground level using hydraulic blades, removes the limbs, and stacks the logs onto a logging truck all in one continuous operation.^[3] There are two areas that display large [saw mill](#) machinery. One exhibit is a complete [band](#)

[saw](#) used in the Edward Hines lumber mill. This saw turned trees into lumber from 1930 until 1980. A new building houses a saw mill steam plant along with a collect of [chain saws](#).^[3]

The museum also displays railroad equipment used to transport logs out of the forest, including a [Baldwin locomotive](#) used in the [Mount Shasta](#) area to haul [redwood](#) logs to saw mills in northern [California](#). There is a self-powered McGiffert Log Loader built in 1926 which was in active use until 1962. The museum also owns a 1923 Clyde track laying machine, one of only two still in existence, used at various locations around [Klamath County](#) by [Weyerhaeuser](#) until 1959. The museum even has a diesel-powered [tug boat](#) used to tow rafts of logs from an [Agency Lake](#) collection site to a saw mill at the south end of [Upper Klamath Lake](#), a 22-mile (35 km) trip. The tug operated on the lake from 1937 until 1943.^[3]

One of the most impressive exhibits is a 16-foot (4.9 m) cross section from the largest [Douglas fir](#) tree ever cut. This forest giant was already an old tree when [Columbus](#) landed in the [New World](#).^[5] In addition, several logging camp structures have been relocated to the museum site along with 1 authentic pioneer [homestead](#) buildings. A logger's cabin is now used as an exhibit building and gift shop. The pioneer village area gives insight into how Oregon families once lived. The buildings also show several 19th-century building techniques used by Oregon pioneers. During the summer, the museum staff shows movies about old-time logging at 9 p.m. each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night.^{[3][4]}

6:30 PM to ????? - Optional Dinner at Mr. B's

Mr. B's Steakhouse. A great destination for a memorable meal. This charming, big old house opens its doors to cozy nicely decorated rooms where you will find yourself eating a lot more than you planned because every bite is better than the last. This was the restaurant with the highest recommendations from the folks in Klamath Falls.

Sunday, July 8, 2012

8 AM to 10 AM

Convention Registration at Shilo Inn Lobby

8 AM to Noon

GNRHS Board of Directors Meeting at Shilo Inn Convention Center

8 AM to Noon

Optional Time for Attendees to attend the church of their choice

11 AM to 1:30 PM

Rail Fair Setup and Displays for Models and Pictures/etc. at Oregon Institute for Technology (OIT) Student Center

1:45 PM to 5:45 PM

Trolley Shuttle provides trips to and from the Shilo Inn and OIT Student Center

2 PM to 5:30 PM

Rail Fair and Exhibits Open at OIT Student Center

6:30 PM to 9 PM

Mayor's Welcome in Veteran's Memorial Park

Tri Tip or Chicken Dinner by Yummy's Cowboy Cuisine

Entertainment - Tony Bennett Tribute (30 minutes)

Parking Available at Veteran's Park

Baldwin Museum Open

Monday, July 9, 2012

8:30 AM to 3 PM - Non-Rail Tour by Charter Bus to Tulelake, Refuge, etc., with no-host stop for lunch at Cap't Jacks

The Tule Lake Area Tour includes a drive through very scenic valleys that have an unusual combination of vast wildlife refuges intertwined with very productive agricultural areas. The tour route includes the Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and skirts the edge of the Lava beds National Monument, scene of the Modoc Indian War of 1872-73. The lunch stop (no-host) will be at Captain Jack's Stronghold, a locally owned restaurant named for the leader of the Modoc Indian warriors who fought against the United States Army.

8:45 AM to 12:15 PM

Trolley Shuttle to move attendees between Shilo Inn and OIT Student Center

9 AM to Noon

Rail Fair and Exhibits Open at OIT Student Center

1 PM to 5 PM

Presentations at Shilo Inn Convention Center

1 PM to 1:50 PM

Todd Kepple, "Klamath History"

2 PM to 2:50 PM

Ryan Bartholomew, "Modoc War"

3 PM to 3:50 PM

Don Baxter, "Weyerhauser comes to Klamath Falls"

4 PM to 4:50 PM

Don Baxter, "Faces of the Empire Builder"

Dinner on your own

7 PM to 9 PM

Presentation at Shilo Inn Convention Center

Earl Currie, "Klamath Division in the 1960's"

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

8 AM to 5 PM - Non-Rail Tour by Chartered Bus to Crater Lake National Park

Crater Lake National Park is a [United States National Park](#) located in [southern Oregon](#). Established in 1902, Crater Lake National Park is the fifth oldest national park in the [United States](#) and the only one in the state of [Oregon](#).^[3] The park encompasses the [caldera](#) of [Crater Lake](#), a remnant of a destroyed [volcano](#), [Mount Mazama](#), and the surrounding hills and forests.

The lake is 1,943 feet (592 m) deep at its deepest point,^[4] which makes it the deepest lake in the United States, the second deepest in North America and the [ninth deepest](#) in the world.^[4] Crater Lake is often referred to as the seventh deepest lake in the world, but this former listing excludes the approximately 3,000-foot (910 m) depth of subglacial [Lake Vostok](#) in Antarctica, which resides under nearly 13,000 feet (4,000 m) of ice, and the recent report of a 2,740-foot (840 m) maximum depth for [Lake O'Higgins/San Martin](#), located on the border of Chile and Argentina. However, when comparing its average depth of 1,148 feet (350 m) to the average depth of other deep lakes, Crater Lake becomes the deepest in the Western Hemisphere and the third deepest in the world. The impressive average depth of this volcanic lake is due to the nearly symmetrical 4,000-foot (1,200 m) deep caldera formed 7,700 years ago during the violent climactic eruptions and subsequent collapse of Mount Mazama and the relatively moist climate that is typical of the crest of the [Cascade Range](#).

The caldera rim ranges in elevation from 7,000 to 8,000 feet (2,100 to 2,400 m). The [United States Geological Survey](#) benchmarked elevation of the lake surface itself is 6,178 feet (1,883 m). This National Park encompasses 183,225 acres (286.29 sq mi; 741.49 km²).^[1] Crater Lake has no streams flowing into or out of it. All water that enters the lake is eventually lost from evaporation or subsurface seepage. The lake's water commonly has a striking blue hue, and the lake is re-filled entirely from direct precipitation in the form of snow and rain.

8 AM to Noon - Rail-related Tour to Industries:

Collins Products, Columbia Forest Products, and Jeld-Wen, Inc. (local Charter Bus)

COLLINS Pine FreeForm Particleboard was selected as one of the Top - 10 Green Building Products in 2007 by the editors of GreenSpec and Environmental Building News and received the 2009 Sequoia Award for innovation in Green Building Products.

Manufactured by The Collins Companies, TruWood[®] Siding is a high-quality, engineered wood product designed to withstand the test of time. Every day we provide our customers with the assurance that our products are backed by a legacy as strong and as positive as our products themselves. A family-owned business since 1855, we're proud of our history of responsibility to the land and the people. From foresters in the field, through operators in the plants, to salespeople in the marketplace, we relentlessly pursue the best utilization and applications of our natural and renewable resources.

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NOTE - - - We will probably only make two of the three industries. There are some physical limitations involving walking up and down stairs, as well as walking on overhead catwalks.

1 PM to 5 PM - Presentations at Shilo Inn Convention Center

1 PM to 1:50 PM

Todd Kepple, "Railroad Logging History

2 PM to 2:50 PM

Steve Hart, "Inside Gateway"

3 PM to 3:50 PM

Mike Power, "Great Northern, 1966-1969 "

4 PM to 4:50 PM

Todd Kepple, "Teddy Roosevelt and Unique Local History"

Dinner on Own

6:30 to 9 PM - Model Railroad Tour

We are attempting to have a small gauge tour, but if that is not possible, we will go to the Klamath and Western Railroad. The dream was to build a major model railroad. The K & W is now owned by Train Mountain. Located just a ways north of the Hwy 62 turn off of Hwy 97, Train Mountain is a private organization of 7-1/2 scale model trains. They have 69,900 feet (13¼ miles) of 7½? gauge mainline track and 133,250 feet (25¼ miles) of total trackage, which includes yards, sidings, and connector tracks. In the 2004 Guinness World Records™ Train Mountain is recognized as the "Longest Miniature Hobby Railroad". Because we cannot make a firm commitment, we will refund your money as appropriate.

Wednesday, July 11, 2011

8 AM to Noon

Presentations in Shilo Inn Convention Center

8 AM to 8:50 AM

GNRHS Business Meeting, Convention Center

9 AM to 9:50 AM

Don Baxter, "Model Wants and Wishes"

10 AM to 10:50 AM

Bill Sornsin, "The Cascade Division in 1955: Layout Design Based on Historical Research"

Lunch on Own

1 PM to 3 PM

Presentations Sessions in Shilo Inn Convention Center

1 PM to 2 PM

Father Dale Peterka, "Your First Scratchbuilt Model"

2 PM to 3 PM

Duane Buck, "GADGETS, GIZMOS, AND GLUES"

4:30 PM to 6 PM

No-host bar / Happy Hour

6 PM to ????

Closing Banquet - Three Meal Choices:

CHICKEN - Chicken Marsala - Seared breast of chicken with mushrooms, garlic, sweet onions, finished with mascarpone cheese and Marsala wine. Served with Wild Rice, Chef's Choice vegetable, Caesar Salad, bread and butter, and appropriate accompaniments, with coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea, or iced tea. Dessert is Lemon Mist Cake.

BEEF - Grilled Top Sirloin - Certified Angus beef generously seasoned then finished with herb butter. Served with Stuffed cheddar and Bacon Twice-Baked Potato, Chef's Choice vegetable, Garden Salad, bread and butter, and appropriate accompaniments, with coffee, decaf, tea, or iced tea. Dessert is Lemon Mist Cake.

FISH - Herb Crusted Salmon - Baked wild salmon crusted with tarragon, chives, Italian parsley and basil, then finished with lemon slices. Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Chef's Choice vegetable, Caesar Salad, bread and butter, and appropriate accompaniments, with coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea, or iced tea. Dessert is Lemon Mist Cake.

Banquet Speaker - Dr. Leon Speroff, author of The Deschutes River Railroad War
The banquet will be followed by a great Raffle and Door Prize.