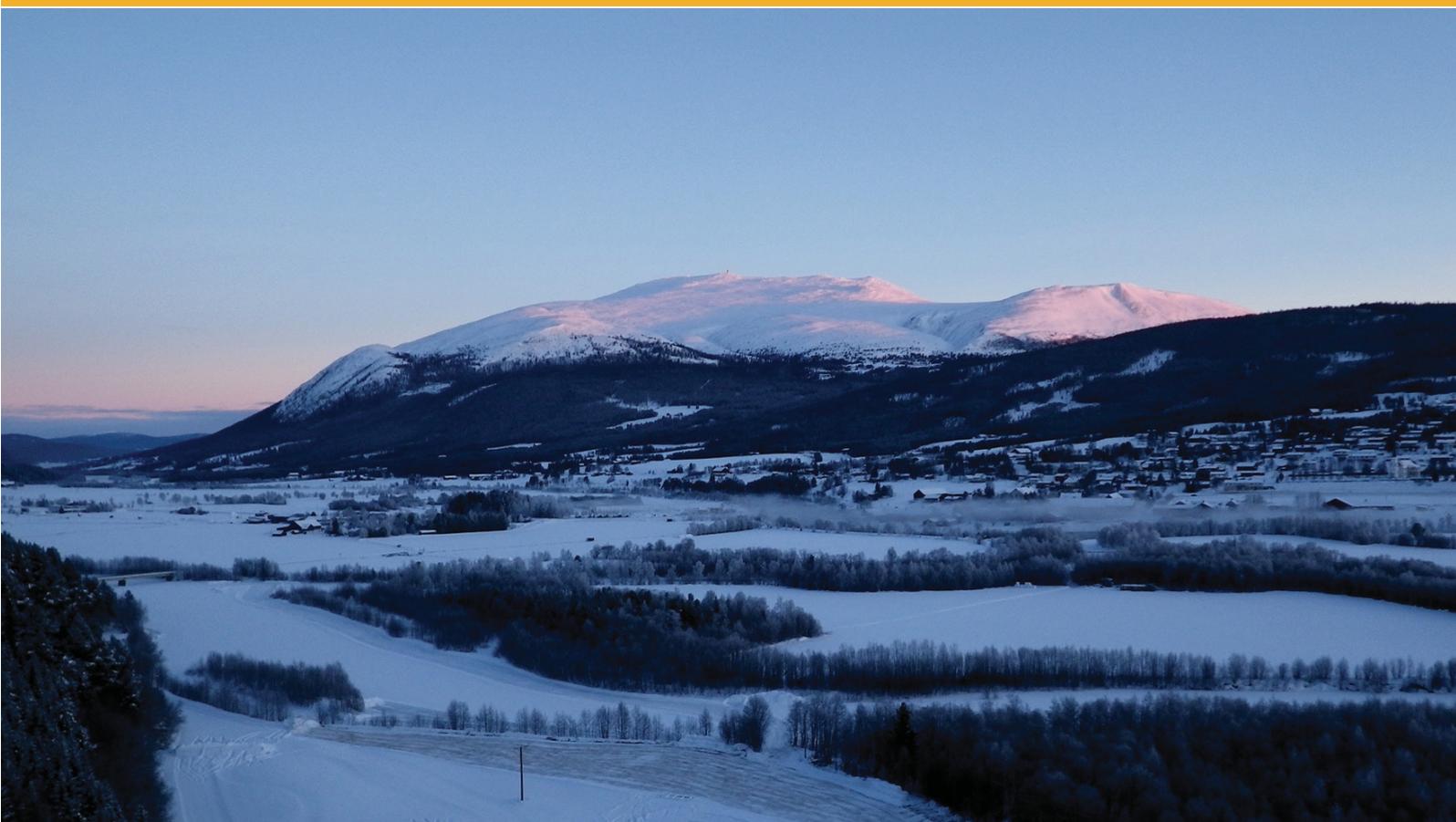




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Dawn colours Mt. Tron's white winter robe on 13 January 2011 at 09:41 hrs. Seen from South West. Photo: BP.

First Mt. Tron Mail net edition!

Welcome to the first completely electronic edition of The Mt. Tron Mail. From this number onwards our newsletter will be published this way (i.e. as a PDF file). This means that interested readers of The Mt. Tron Mail must first register under "Newsletter" on our homepages www.tronuni.org or www.tup.no and pay the yearly subscription through PayPal in order to access, read, download or print out The Mt. Tron Mail as suits their need. This change spares the environment by avoiding the use of paper and transportation, ink and other resources. It cannot be denied that The Mt. Tron Mail has been expensive and resource-draining to produce: now the subscription income is freed for greater tasks.

Those who now register and subscribe will have access not only to this year's editions of The Mt. Tron Mail but also to all the annual volumes back to the very beginning in 1998! All have been laid out as PDF files and made available for those with a username and password. Gradually other publications etc. will also be laid out for downloading. The subscription will renew automatically in January every year but subscribers may stop their subscription simply by deregistering if they wish.

Status of the regulation plan on Mt.Tron

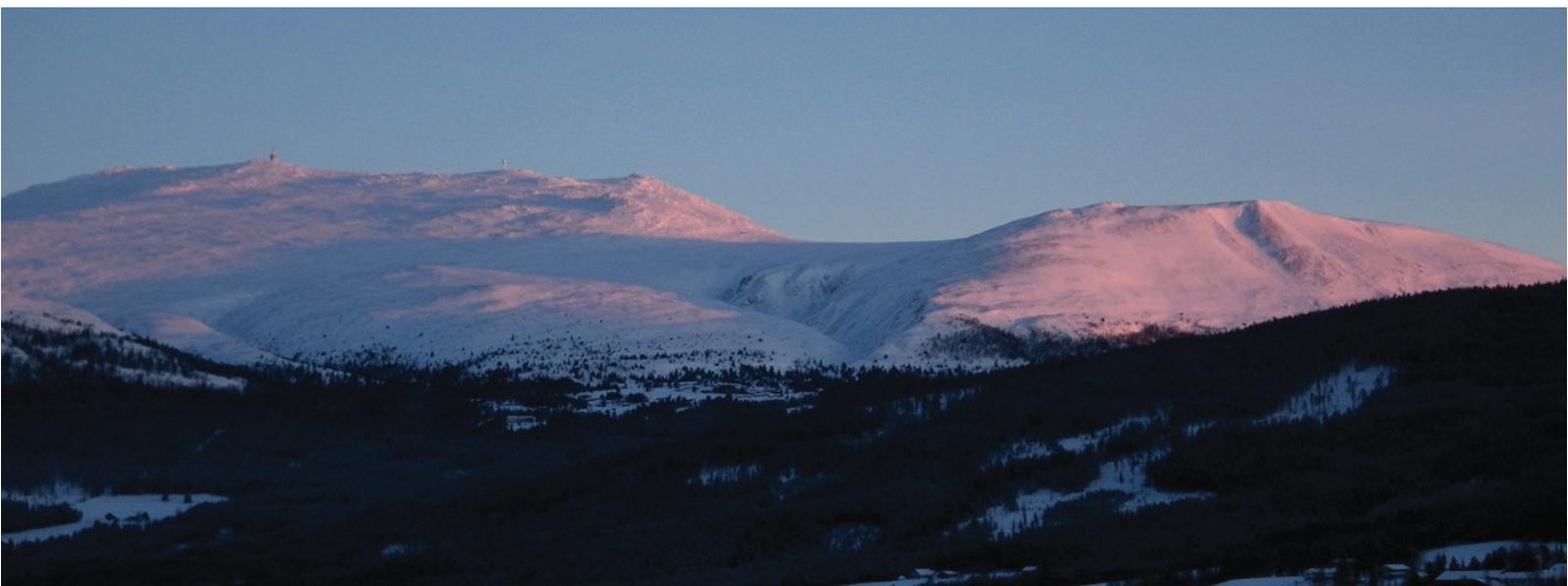
Takes more time

The work with the regulation plan on the “Peace Plateau” is taking more time than first anticipated. This is among other things due to the fact that the consultant Feste NordØst as (Feste) has had to make an extra trip to the plateau to obtain a more precise GPS measurement for the location of both the access and the car park. The existing map of the area has only 5 metres contour lines and therefore isn't accurate enough. To be able to do this Feste had to apply to the municipality for permission to drive up the mountain with a snow scooter. This was done by the end of January. On 27 January Feste had a review of the illustration plan and the basis for regulation with the municipality of Alvdal. The instigator, i.e. Mt.Tron University of Peace Estate Inc. (TUPE), was prevented from participating. At this meeting Feste proposed their own alternative to access and car park without having discussed this with TUPE in advance. Most of February therefore was spent in trying to clarify the different points of view of the various alternatives.

The chairman of the board was also travelling abroad all of that month. The problem was solved at a meeting between TUPE and Feste on 14 March which produced a good mutually satisfactory solution.

Info meeting with the land owners

On 14 April an information meeting with the involved land owners of the area will be held in which Feste, on behalf of TUPE, will present a draft finalized regulation plan with decisions for the “Peace Plateau”. Participants: The instigator, represented by Bjørn Pettersen and Knud Larsen, the consultant (Feste NordØst as) by Stine Ringnes, the dept. of Planning (Tynset/Alvdal) by Inger Stubsjøen, the municipality of Alvdal by Arne Hoelseth, together with neighbours/involved land owners. Leaders of the mountain farms joint ownerships and Tyllaldalen Land Owners Group will be invited. The purpose of the meeting is to inform especially the mountain farms joint ownerships about the plans for the University of Peace.



Detail from the front picture, with the “Peace Plateau” in the centre. Photo: BP.

Grant from Innovation Norway

Mt.Tron University of Peace Estate Inc. has accepted an offer of support from Innovation Norway of NOK 175 000, 49 % of the amount applied for, to cover expenses TUPE incurs in relation to the implementation of Phase 1 of the project for the realization of the Mt.Tron University of Peace. The project has been divided into four phases where Phase 1 deals with the regulation plan, possibility analysis and land acquisition. The three other faces will mainly deal with fundraising and detailed planning, construction work and operation. The application to Innovation Norway became a reality after a long

process following the first meeting back in May 2009. At that time Innovation Norway expressed great sympathy for the project but made clear that they could not give grants to foundations (Mt.Tron University of Peace Foundation). When, at a meeting about a year later, Alvdal municipality expressed the same view, we decided to establish the Mt.Tron University of Peace Estate Inc. This came into operation in the autumn of last year. The establishment of this company provided the foundation for an application to be made, with the good help from the local inter communal company consultant.

Other news



Shantibu in Alvdal, Norway, 27.07.2010. Photo: BP.

Inserted pictures from left: Sri Ananda Acharya, ca. 1930, photo by Einar Beer; Bjørn Pettersen, Swami Paramananda and Tripti Chatterjee, 1995, photo by Verdens Gang (one of the main newspapers of Norway); Einar Beer, crown prince Harald and crown princess Sonja, 05.10.1977, photo by Verdens Gang; Swami Paramananda, 1993, photo by BP.

More new homepages

Preparations are now being made to publish more new homepages on the internet under the new domain www.shantibu.no. All about Shantibu, these pages will present information about Sri Ananda Acharya, Paramananda, and a little about Shantibu's earlier resident Einar Beer and present residents Triptima and Bjørn. Pictures, biographical information, quotations from books, short essays and selected poems together with a variety of other material showing both historical and present activities, will be laid out. There will be also a link to the site where Sri Ananda's "Karlina Rani - Lectures on Yoga" from 1921 can be downloaded for free. Later, a variety of literature of current interest may also be made available for sale on www.shantibu.no.

Conversion of statutes

By resolution of 25 March 2011 and registration the same day the Norwegian Foundation Authority has approved the conversion of statutes for the Mt.Tron University of Peace Foundation (TUPF), as suggested by TUPF, on the basis of an application to them sent last autumn. A change in the statutes became necessary after establishing the Mt.Tron University of Peace Estate Inc. in August last year. Originally, both planning, construction, estate and operation were stipulated in the statutes of TUPF, and, as now, after the conversion, TUPF will not be a business or have any dealings with financial affairs. TUPF will only take care of and actively administer the idea of the University of Peace, and be responsible for all planning work. TUPF will also execute the highest authority over all organs, companies and instances formally connected with the Mt.Tron University of Peace.

82 metre high tower on Mt.Tron!

"Arbeidets Rett" (a local newspaper from Røros) included the following on 2 February this year:

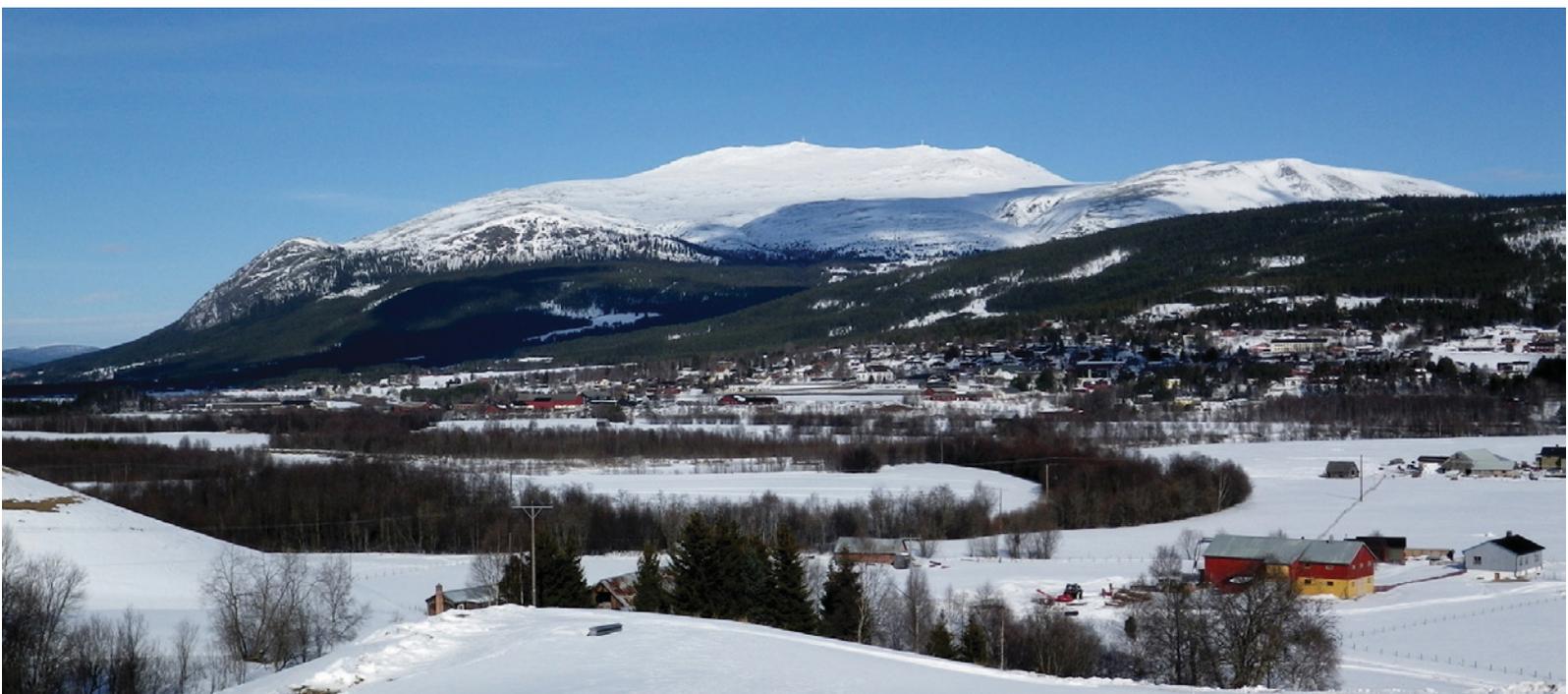
"Tynset: Norkring AS (the main broadcasting firm in Norway) wants to build a new tower and transmitter building on Mt.Tron.

It is officer in charge Torvald Trondsen of Norkring who writes this to Tynset municipality, and he says further that the firm has plans for an 82 metre high tower consisting of concrete and steel mast. Between the existing tower and the new tower Norkring is thinking of building a transmitter hall. The firm suggests construction start during this summer, and Trondsen writes that the project will take two years to complete.

The existing tower was erected in 1959 and nine years later a transmitter building with workshop, garage and living room was built. With a new tower Norkring imagine new services such as DAB (digital radio) and DTT (digital TV). Norkring is a wholly-owned firm in the Telenor ASA and is Norway's biggest distribution company for earthbound broadcasting of sound and picture. The firm have customers like NRK, TV2, P4 and Channel 24."

The existing installations on the peak of Mt.Tron (telecommunications tower and civil aviation radar) are acceptable because they are not too high. But such a high mast will really stand out in the landscape and change the beautiful look of Mt.Tron for the foreseeable future. See the photographs on the next page: Will it be possible to take such pictures in the future?

Take a good look at these pictures!



*Above: The South West side of Mt.Tron (Alvdal), 15.03.2011.
Below: The North West side of Mt.Tron (Tynset), 13.07.2009. Both photos: BP.*



Is this the last year we are seeing Mt.Tron like this?

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