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# THE FLIMSY BOARD

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Sounder and unknown freight taken from the deck of the Emerald Lady taken on September 11, 2009 at 11:14 a.m., just south of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.

(Photo by Tom Barrett, used with permission.)

#### **NEXT CLUB EVENTS:**

Oct 2-4, 2009 Lions Club Model Train Show, Lynden, WA

Oct 5, 2009 – BNMRR Quarterly Meeting, Knights of Columbus

Oct 13, 2009- 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic – United Way Building Downtown Bremerton

# OFF THE MAINLINE



Another great month for BNMR!

Well I'm tired and need to go to bed. So I'll work on this tomorrow and get it to Reed in time to publish 1 October. **I didn't make it. Sorry!**

As you may know this has been a month for me. Jennifer home, then off to Alaska, then Home and finally off to Wisconsin to work for a new trucking company. **She called me today and already lost the job. :o(** My health has been up and down this month too. The Doctor thought my double vision might be signs of ocular myasthenia gravis, a fairly serious disorder. Luckily the tests all came back negative. However, I have come down with the Shingles. Fortunately it seems to be a minor case and confined to my head. If the doctor offers you a Shingles shot my advice is get it. I was offered last year didn't get it and now....

Because of all the above, I am limiting my Lynden show operations to one day. I'll be there Sunday afternoon, to run a little and help with tear down.

***HAVE A GREAT TIME!***

I have sent in an application to be included in the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour slated for November 21-22, 2009 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds

Time to climb back in the cab and get this train down the track...

**Bill**  
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Hi All

I received the state commissioners report today and she gave some great scores to the departments. I will have copies of the report for all the superintendents at our next meeting and at the fair board meeting on October 14th.

Our 2009 attendance was **81,104**

2010 Fair Theme ***"Not Just An 8 Second Ride"***

2010 Fair Dates: **August 25-29, 2010**

Also, our scrapbook committee made up of fair volunteers have been very busy and doing a great job working on the book and have completed over 50 pages so far. Coleta Corey is working on the cover doing the embroidery of the fair logo.

Ken

**STILL LIFE EXHIBITS DIRECTOR**  
***KITSAP COUNTY FAIR & STAMPEDE***  
***August 25-29, 2010***  
***Ken Kramer, Director Still Life Exhibits***

# STEVE'S STRAIGHTS

I see from the derailment picture in the September *Flimsy Board* that Bud's Beanery still stands on the Signal Rock module. That structure dates from the original club layout at Millie's Craft & Hobby. It was the body of a Roundhouse Miller Brothers 101 Ranch circus combine. When Dan scenicked Signal Rock he had to shorten the diner to fit it into the space between B and C mains.

And greetings from Malvern and Ouachita Valley.

An Arkansas home layout is shown for September in the 2009 NMRA calendar. I've known its builder, Bill Hobbs, for several years. I met Bill in the early 1980s when he was active in the Arkansas Valley MRR Club, located in North Little Rock. I visited his home layout just before Christmas 1986. The World War I era mining town of Rush, shown in the calendar, has apparently been built since then.

While attending a homecoming reception for Miss Arkansas 2009 Sarah Slocum I took these photos of the former Rock Island depot in Little Rock and former Rock Island Bridge over the Arkansas River by the Clinton Presidential Center. The Clinton School of Public Service is in the former depot. One former Miss Arkansas, Sharon Evans Bale



(1967), was present at the reception.

Interestingly, the last Rock Island passenger train through Little Rock, the *Cherokee*, ran when she was Miss Arkansas.

There is a fund raising effort on to make the bridge a pedestrian trail bridge, as has already been done for the



Junction Bridge, a former MoPac (nee Little Rock & Fort Smith) bridge, a few blocks west. UP still uses the former MoPac Baring Cross Bridge just west of downtown; it's the only one of Little Rock's three railroad bridges that still sees flanged wheel traffic.



When a former wholesaler's building adjacent to the depot was being demolished in 2001 to clear the way for the Clinton Center the wreckers discovered it enclosed the former Rock Island freight house, a 19th century structure with beautiful brickwork. But it was too late to modify the plans to incorporate that building into the design for the Center. On Thanksgiving Eve 2001 it came down and was hauled off. A work of art was gone, but at least the

passenger depot has been saved.

Hope everyone there is well, no swine flu or anything.

That's all for now. Happy railroading.

YIMRR,  
Steve

# NEUMANN'S CROSSINGS



## **HO ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ATLAS: Coming out with 3 and 6 bay cylindrical hoppers: Roadnames: GN, Penn Central, C&O, NS, BN, American Potash, Florida Tile. No MSRP yet.

COACH YARD- is releasing a 8-car train set of the 1938 B&O Capital Limited. Includes detailed interiors and magnetic knuckle couplers. To follow will be a Broadway Limited and a 20th Century Limited

WALTHERS- Coming out with Corn Unloading and Storage Sheds and an Ethanol Processing Center. Kits will be released over the next few months. MSRP: \$ 69.95 per kit.

## **RAILFAN NOTES**

The Grand Canyon Ry planned to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sep 19th by running 2-8-2 #4960 on a round trip from Williams Jct. to the Grand Canyon. In keeping with the railroad's "green" policy, the locomotive will be fueled with used vegetable oil.

Rayonier, #3, a product of the Willamette Steel Works of Portland, Ore has been fully restored to operation by volunteers of the Mount Rainier Scenic RR in Mineral, WA. It was previously owned by Jim Gertz of Port Angeles and he donated to the railway in 2002.

A new display will be going up at the Isaac Walton Inn, in Essex, MT. "Great Northern 441", an ex- ATSF FP45, will become the newest accommodation at the inn, with bedroom, bathroom, fireplace, bar and living area. The cab is still intact and the fans have been replaced with skylights.

## **RAILROAD TRIVIA**

What is a Journal Box?

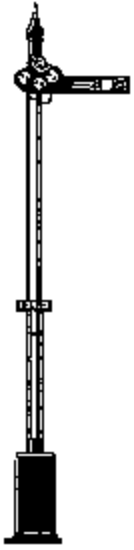
Answer in next month's Flimsy

Answer to last month's question:

Walkover Seat

## **DID YOU KNOW...?**

At the time when Americans were experimenting with railroad technology, many men of science believed that riding behind a locomotive on a railroad would transport a human so fast that the passenger's brain would be adversely affected and ultimately result in blindness.



# The Semaphore Board

October, 2009

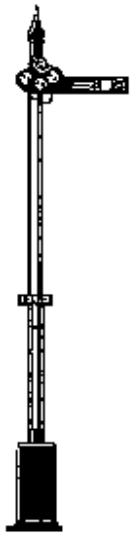
No signup sheet for this issue. In fact, I'm away more than the two weeks before the Flimsy deadline.

The fair went well; though don't be surprised next year when the signup sheet is extended to any time the building is open from setup to tear down. We really should have someone there anytime the building is open for setting up other displays and taking entries. While I was there, I saw several groups of people come over and look at the layout. We all know it doesn't take long for things to disappear or get damaged but it does take a while to fix them.

Don't forget the new layout work party, most Thursdays starting around 9 in the morning. Come on over to Bob Jensen's garage and develop, hone, or utilize your layout building skills. I suggest you contact Bob to confirm the work party.

See you at Lynden.

Tom Barrett



Tom's other picture from his sailboat.

*(Used with Tom's permission)*



**BNMR 2009 Schedule:**

October 2 – 4, 2009 – Lynden Lions Train Show and Swap Meet, Lynden

**October 5, 2009, 1900 hours, BNMR Quarterly Business meeting, Knights of Columbus**

~~TBD October 9 – December 20, 2009 – Clear Creek Nursery show, weekends~~

TBC October 13, 2009 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building

November 2, 2009 – BNMR Clinical/Workshop Meeting

TBC November 10, 2009 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building

**TBC November 21 – 22, 2009 – World's Greatest Hobby on Tour. Puyallup Fair grounds.**

December 5, 2008 – BNMR Fix-it Day

**December 7, 2008 – Annual Election Meeting, Knights of Columbus**

TBC December 8, 2009 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building

**BNMR 2010 Schedule:**

**January 4, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Annual Dinner & BNMR Quarterly Business Meeting, Family Pancake House, Wheaton Way**

TBC January 12, 2010 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building

TBC January 16 – 18, 2010 – Pacific Science Center Show, Seattle (no Kitsap Western layout, support 4<sup>th</sup> Division manning)

February 1, 2010 – BNMR Clinical/Workshop Meeting

TBD February 5-7, 2010 – United North West Train Show and Swap Meet, Monroe

TBC February 9, 2010 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building

March 1, 2010 – BNMR Clinical/Workshop Meeting at the Walls in Poulsbo

TBD March 12-14, 2010 – Retsil Veteran's Home Show, Port Orchard

TBC March 9, 2010 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building

**April 5, 2010, 1900 hours, BNMR Quarterly Business meeting, Knights of Columbus**

TBC April 13, 2010 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building

TBD April 30, May 1 – 2, 2010 – Montclair Park Show, Poulsbo

May 3, 2010 – BNMR Clinical/Workshop Meeting

TBC May 11, 2010 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building

June 7, 2010 – BNMR Clinical/Workshop Meeting

TBC June 15, 2010 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building.

TBD June 12, 2010 – BNMR Swap Meet, Bremerton

**July 12, 2010, 1900 hours, BNMR Quarterly Business meeting, Knights of Columbus**

TBC July 13, 2010 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building:

TBD July 21, 2010 – Annual Kitsap County Fair Kick-Off B-B-Q, Bremerton, 5:30 p.m., Presidents Hall

TBC July 31, 2010 – Kitsap County Fair Show Super Saturday & BBQ, Bremerton

August 2, 2010 – BNMR Clinical/Workshop Meeting

TBC August 13, 2010 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building

TBD August 16, 25 – 30, 2010 – Kitsap County Fair Show, Bremerton

TBC September 14, 2010 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, Bremerton United Way Building

September 13, 2010 – BNMR Clinical/Workshop Meeting (delayed one week because of Labor Day)