

The 4th Division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the
National Model Railroad Association Presents



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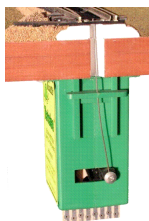
Location: Summer Hill meeting room in Oak Harbor.

Time: 7:00 PM - Swap Meet set-up by 6:50

Special Edition *June Clinic Changed*

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the June 13th meeting of the Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic will be held at SummerHill, our usual meeting place at our usual time of 7pm with the usual dinner at San Remo prior to the meeting. The Swap Table will be available one last time before summer. We have pulled together a very entertaining evening with a variety of volunteers and an interesting array of topics. A little something for everyone.

- * Al Carter will have a presentation on the 32nd National Narrow Gauge Convention in Seattle, September 12-16, 2012
- * Show and tell opportunity - bring something and do a little 'showing off.'
- * We have 3D scale layout model for planning by Rich Thom.
- * Mounting tortoise machines from above by Al Carter, who also has a presentation on hollow core door bench work methods.
- * Painting and weathering plastic wood effects by Rich Blake.
- * Kit bashing a stock car kit by Susan Gonzales.
- * That will be followed by scratch building a caboose details by Steve Jaffray (and Susan is thinking that she is really lucky to be ahead of Steve in this line-up).
- * After that, we have jigs for modeling by Tom Hawkins, resin casting by Dick Haines and finish with gator foam structure building techniques by John White.



There are still openings for anyone who would like to bring an item for show and tell. It should be a fun night. Hope to see everyone there! And a big thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up to fill in for the night!

The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic						
Model Railroad Calendar for June 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Clinic at Summer Hill 7:00pm			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
The 4th Division Mini-meet has been rescheduled to August - see info on the Misc. Info Page.						

Also: Jun 27 - Jul 1, Medford, OR
20th Annual National N Scale Convention. Red Lion Hotel. Live and silent auctions, 100+ tables of N Scale at the Swap-a-Rama, Clinics, model contest, operating layouts, home layout tours, plus off site tours to the Micro-Trains plant, Medford RR Park and live steam at Train Mountain. Info:-
www.nationalscaleconvention.com

Jul 7-11, Klamath Falls, OR
Great Northern Historical Society Annual Convention Info:- www.gnrhs.org

Jul 18-21, Butte, MT
Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association Annual Convention; Mirabeau Park Hotel. Info:-
www.nprha.org

Last Month's Clinic:

Barry Anderson and his wife, Hilda, came over from Pt. Townsend to give a very informative clinic about what it was like to work on the Southern Pacific in the Bay Area of California in the early 1950's. Barry was a fireman on everything from small yard switchers to the large locomotives that SP called 'mallets' that have come to be called 'cab forwards.' He had personal photos and others from various sources, to illustrate what it was like to be in the fireman's side of steam locomotives. Through personal anecdotes, he gave a good sense

of what it was like to work at the end of the age of steam. A very well put together presentation! Thank you Barry!



The Miscellaneous Information Page

The Swap Table Will Return again in June!!

This is the last chance of the year - really! - bring anything that you wish to sell/trade/give away to the Summer Hill clinic side room prior to the clinic. Please have the name of the seller/donator on the items along with a price.

4D Spring Meet Rescheduled for Summer

“You may have heard about the 4D's Spring Meet, originally scheduled for June 2-3 which, due to unforeseen circumstances, has been rescheduled for a less-busy time of year, August 18-19, 2012. Once an annual occurrence in the 4th Division, the Board of Directors hopes it will become so once again. We will meet August 18th at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Issaquah for a Saturday filled with the best clinics presented all over the 4th Division during the past year. This will enable all 4D members to see what only some local clinic attendees have seen. We plan to have three clinics offered simultaneously. Coffee, snacks, and soft drinks will be served. Lunch is on your own. (There is a restaurant at the Hilton and dozens more restaurants in Issaquah.)

Saturday will end with a short General Membership meeting, concluding before 5:30 PM. Sunday, August 19th will feature 4D layout open houses. Travel will be on your own, but maps, identification badges, and schedules will only be distributed at Saturday morning's registration. The public is not invited so you will have plenty of time to enjoy the layouts to the fullest.

Registration is limited to the first 120 members to email 4D Treasurer Sherman Stevens <mailto:shermanlss@earthlink.net> . The cost is a mere \$20, payable at the door.

Catch up on all the great clinics you missed over the past year, see some great layouts, and enjoy the camaraderie of the World's Greatest Hobby. See you August 18th!”

---- 4th Div BOD

Marshall's BBQ/Potluck on Wednesday August 8th

Marshall's BBQ/Potluck on Wednesday August 8th, 5PM to? The Marshall's will supply the main course. They ask you to bring one side dish, consisting of either a salad, casserole/veggy dish or dessert. The Marshall's will have coffee, ice tea, water, diet cokes, breads, etc. You can bring your own wine/beer.

Please RSVP if your attending via e-mail, johnstrainman@gmail.com or call 360-678-5448 and leave message.

Looking forward to seeing you and see the NEW ADDITION to John's railroad.

Pre - Clinic Dinner Get-Together: Pizza + !

We will again be getting together at the
San Remo Mediterranean Grill in Oak Harbor at about 5:15.
421 NE Midway Blvd
They have pizza, pastas, Greek specialities, seafood and salads!

For those that might be new to these newsletters, the “back issues” are available online at our 4th Division website www.4dPNR.org under the Newsletters category. This service is thanks to the 4th Division and their webmaster, Al Lowe.

If you have any information, good websites, things for sale of a model railroad nature or whatever, send me a note and I will add it to this page in the future editions as space permits.

Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic Schedule 2012/2013

Notes: All regular meetings are held at the Summer Hill Community in Oak Harbor from September through June on the dates shown starting at 7:00pm or as otherwise announced.

NMRA Membership is encouraged

See www.nmra.org

DATE	SUBJECT
Aug 8 th	Annual Potluck BBQ at John Marshall's
Sept 12th	Logging and Live Steam by Eric Eriksson (Gordon/Vera Jones coordinators)
Oct 10th	Mini Clinics
Nov 14th	The Tabooma County Railway: Choosing a Private Roadname - Developing a Plausible History by Al Carter
Dec 5th	Wassail at John White's
Jan 9th	Locomotive Tune-ups (both steam and diesel) by John Mann and Tom Hawkins
Feb 13th	Streets & Highways, Including Street Trackage by Al Carter
Mar 13th	Track Construction Methods in the Real World by John White
Apr 10th	DCC Sound Systems Hands-On Test Track by Bill Harper/John Mann
May 8th	Backdrop Clinic by Al Carter and Jack Tingstad
Jun 12th	Open House at Dick Haines

Volunteers or Press Ganged

NMRA Liaison and Reportage	Gordon Garnhart
Keeper of the Purse [aka the Bucket]	- open -
Layout Design Aficionado	Tom Hawkins
The DCC & Audio Visual Main Mann	John Mann
Newsletters and Announcement Flyers	Al Frasch
Refreshments	Phil Gonzales
Keeper of the Rolls[aka the Membership Roster]	Al Carter
Clean-up Artists	Vera & Gordon Jones
The Tin Can Gaffers	Curt and Iver Johnson
Competition Shepherd	- open -
Program Organizer	Susan Gonzales
Clinic Chair	Rich Blake
Clinic Chair (retired)	John White