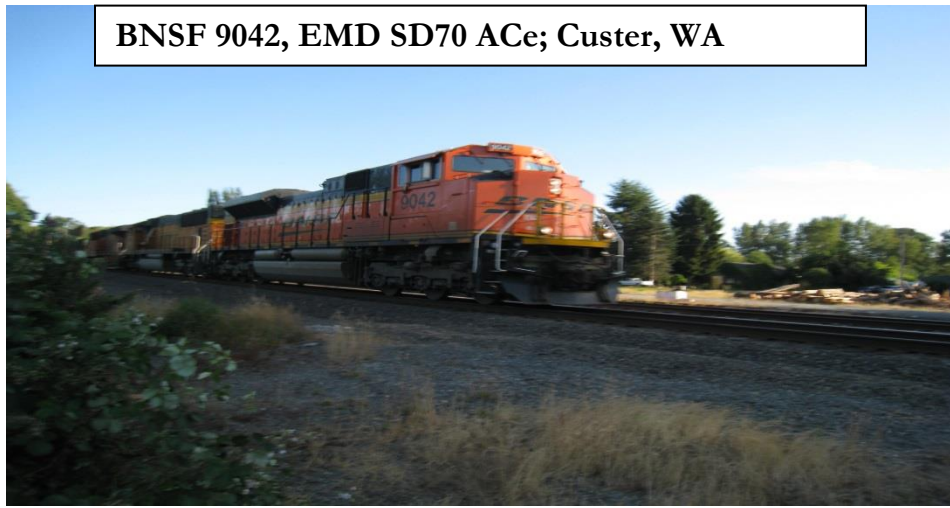


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## **Mount Vernon Model Railroad Clinic Newsletter**

### **September 2015**

**Date**           **Tuesday, September 22**

**Time**           **7:00 PM**

**Where**       **Mount Vernon Senior Center**  
**1401 Cleveland Street, Mount Vernon**

<http://www.skagitseniors.org/MountVernon/> for map & directions

### **Program**

Some thoughts from Al Carter about this Clinic and those coming up....

Well, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, we've had a spectacular summer in the Northwest – kind of hard to spend time at the model bench or working on the layout, with such wonderful weather. I know I spent a heck of a lot of time outdoors, working in the yard, surveying routes for a possible garden railway (!), and just soaking up the sun.

But fall is just around the corner; the rains have returned, at least for a few days, and we all know we'll have many more rainy days – just the time to start thinking about modeling, layouts and such.

In that vein, it's time to remind everyone about our first clinic of the "season." We plan to have several of us that attended the NMRA National Convention in Portland in August spend a few minutes each talking about their experience and maybe relating a few tips we learned at clinics.

We will also have some of our very popular mini-clinics.

- Roger Johnson will show us how to make a Hot Wire Foam Cutter.
- Ted Becker will discuss making Paper Templates for Scribing Styrene.
- Nick Muff will present Building Super Trees.

We encourage attendees to bring models for “show and tell” – show us what you are working on, even if it is not complete. We love to see work in progress, and maybe learn a new technique.

We also encourage folks to bring along items for sale or swap, or even “freebies” – we’ll have a table for those items.

And we are always fed well with some great treats brought by Paul Koren and Dan Gould. A nominal donation is suggested to help cover the cost.

Plans are not finalized for clinics for the rest of the season, but some topics you’ll be seeing are:

Scenery – Ground Covering (Mike O’Brien, XTrains.com)

Homosote Roadbed (Steve Cox, Cascade Rail Supply)

Installing a 1:1 scale locomotive cab in your basement (Nick Muff, MMR)

Scenery – Tree Making (Mike O’Brien, XTrains.com)

Detailing Steam Locomotives – Ted Becker

Mount Vernon Terminal Railway – George Stephenson

Again, the above list is not yet final, so be sure to read the newsletters as they come out to see what is coming up. If you have a topic you think would be of interest and would be willing and able to present in ten to fifteen minutes, let us know (Al Carter at 360-399-1226 or [tabooma@msn.com](mailto:tabooma@msn.com) or Ted Becker, 360-691-1830 or [railbird@att.net](mailto:railbird@att.net)) and we’ll get it scheduled!

### **Pre-clinic dinner**

For those interested in extra socializing (and eating!) before the Clinic, we have taken the lead from our Skagit Valley & Whidbey clinic friends by arranging pre-clinic no host dinners. We gather at Round Table Pizza about 5:00 to 5:15. Click <http://tinyurl.com/lpcfa7x> for a map and directions. The restaurant does not require a minimum food order or a prior head count, so an RSVP is not necessary. We understand if you place a telephone or online order 24 hours ahead of time you will get a 10% discount plus a free drink. Click <http://tinyurl.com/ntqxqyh> for a menu.

## Arrival & Entry

As a courtesy to the other attendees, the MC and the Clinician, please try to arrive promptly at or before 7:00. If you are unavoidably late, please enter quietly without interrupting the clinic in process. We are not permitted to have the main Northeast entry door unlocked nor are we permitted to prop it open. **Entry is through the rear door at the Southwest corner of the building which is kept open in the evening.** A sign will be posted at the correct door (there is another rear door on the West side).

## Show & Tell

Bring a project you have been working on, even if it isn't complete. Perhaps it will inspire others to start a new project for their railroads.

## Coming events

For **other NMRA events** in the area please refer to the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Grab Iron, online at <http://4dpr.com>. If you would like to subscribe to the Grab Iron, go to <http://4dpr.com/grab-iron-overview/>. NMRA membership is not required.

## Sponsorship

The Mt Vernon Model Railroad Clinic is a NMRA sanctioned event. The 4<sup>th</sup> Division of the Pacific Northwest Region of NMRA provides funding of operating budgets for clinics in the division including ours. While NMRA membership is not required to attend the clinics, it is heartily encouraged. If you are not quite ready to sign up for a full membership, you might want to try the [6-month Rail Pass trial membership](#) for only \$9.95. It includes 6 months of **NMRA Magazine**, plus all regular member benefits (except voting). Please let Ted Becker or Roger Johnson know if you wish to join NMRA.

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