

Mount Vernon Model Railroad Clinic Newsletter

October 2015

Date Tuesday, October 27

Time 7:00 PM

Where Mount Vernon Senior Center
1401 Cleveland Street, Mount Vernon

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

Program

“Getting a 1:1 Loco Cab into the Basement”

Have you ever wondered just how to park a real F-7 diesel cab in your basement? Well, make sure you come to the October Clinic in Mount Vernon, as Dr. Nick Muff, MMR, will explain just how he did it. Nick put together a slide show (remember slides?) way back in the 1980's that showed the project, from finding a suitable F-7 cab, to painting and restoring it, to installing it in his basement. This very entertaining program has been updated to a digital format with new material and, as always, accompanied by some great discussion and anecdotes by Nick. Don't miss it!



Show and Tell

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.

Diorama Build

Tom Buckingham, Project Whip, will give us an update and answer questions. He reports that he has already heard from a number of eager beavers to clarify the rules, review their plans and get a jump on the rest of us for what will surely be a fine time.

The Rules:

- 1 Have fun
- 2 Size up to 288 square inches--commonly one foot by two feet, but it could be six inches by four feet for example.
- 3 Must have some reference to railroading--this could be as little as a railroad crossing sign or as much track as you can cram in.
- 4 Any scale--though the very large scales become a problem.
- 5 End date--the April clinic, but please bring progress to our monthly meetings.
- 6 (Optional) Use at least one new technique/skill or revive an old technique/skill and tell us what it is.
- 7 Have fun

On the Horizon

November 6-8 – Vancouver, BC Train Expo. <http://www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca/>

November 14- Boeing Swap Meet, Kent, WA. Information: swapmeet@bemrrc.com

November 24- An inside look at the Mount Vernon Terminal Railway at the Mt. Vernon Clinic



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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).

Coming events

For **other NMRA events** in the area please refer to the 4th 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 4th 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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