



Southbound Amtrak Cascade accelerates through Blaine, WA
after crossing the border

Mount Vernon NMRA Clinic Newsletter November 2015

Date **Tuesday, November 24**

Time **7:00 PM**

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

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

Program

The Mount Vernon Terminal Railway - that mysterious short line in Mount Vernon.... what does it do? Who are its customers? What is the history of this diminutive railway? To find out, be sure to come to the November 24 Clinic where George Stephenson, owner and operator of the MVTR, will tell us all this and talk about present day operations. Not to be missed!





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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 Progress

Bring your “in progress” diorama and share your learnings. It’s also a great opportunity to get some help if you’re stuck on a problem. See Rules in the appendix below.

On the Horizon

November 28, 29 and weekends into December: [Northwest Railway Museum](#)

December 21 thru January 1: [WA State History Museum Model Train Festival](#), Tacoma

December 22, Mt. Vernon Clinic

January 14 Mt. Vernon Clinic, *NEW DAY AND DATE: SECOND THURSDAY* Mike O’Brien will share his tree building process



Mike's finished tree carefully "planted" on his layout

Pre-clinic Dinner

For those interested in extra socializing over a bite to eat before the Clinic, we have taken the lead from our Skagit Valley & Whidbey Island Clinic cousins by arranging pre-clinic, no host, dinners. We gather at Round Table Pizza about 5:00. 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 presenters, please try to arrive before 7:00. If you are unavoidably late, please enter quietly without interrupting the proceedings. 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.

Unsubscribe

If you no longer wish to receive electronic mailings from the Mt Vernon Model Railroad Clinic please send an email to John O'Connell at john94965@gmail.com.

Appendix

Diorama Build 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

