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Mount Vernon NMRA Clinic Newsletter

January 2016

Date **Thursday, January 14**

Time **7:00 PM**

Where **Mount Vernon Senior Center**

1401 Cleveland Street, Mount Vernon

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

This is the first Clinic on the new date, the **SECOND THURSDAY** each month.

Super 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 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 experience. If you are stuck on a problem, it’s also a great opportunity to get some help.

The Program

Mike O’Brien will share his tree building process. In recent Clinics Mike has brought his in progress diorama. One of the efforts he has been emphasizing is making realistic looking trees in Fall colors, quite a bit more difficult than monochromatic conifers. But first, he’ll review his fabrication process.



On the Horizon

January 16-18, the 4th Division’s Annual Model Train Show at the Pacific Science Center. Go to <http://4dpr.com/event/pacific-science-center-model-train-show/> for more details.

February 11, Mt. Vernon Clinic. Nick Muff, MMR, "Modeling the Kansas City Union Station"

February 27, 28, Monroe Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet. Visit <http://www.unwclub.org/unwshow.html> for details.

March 5, Milwaukee Road Meet. Burien, WA. Visit <http://www.milwelectric.org/2016-march-milwaukee-meet-march-5-burien-wa/> for updates.

March 10, Mt. Vernon Clinic. Ted Becker, "Steam Locomotive Appliances"

March 19, Santa Fe Mini-Meet. Visit <http://www.atsfrr.com/convention/MiniMeets/17th%20Northwest%20Santa%20Fe%20Mini.pdf> for more information.

April 2, Pennsylvania Rail Road Meet, Burien, WA. Double click this PDF



to view the Flyer

April 14, Mt. Vernon Clinic. Dioramas and Mini-Clinics.

May 12, Mt. Vernon Clinic. Kevin Klettke "Fleet Weathering." This is a reprise of his well-received Clinic at PDX 2015 on efficiently weathering large fleets of rolling stock. Not to be missed. Here's a sample:



Visit Kevin's website at <http://wnrr.net>.

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/>.

Pre-clinic Dinner

For those interested in extra socializing over a bite to eat before the Clinic, we have arranged pre-Clinic, no host, dinners. We gather at Round Table Pizza in Mt. Vernon 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).

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. Thus, NMRA membership 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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