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2016 Kitsap County Fair Sunday Operations (photo by Bill Hupé)

- NEXT CLUB EVENTS:**
- September 12th - Club meeting, 7 PM @ All Star Lanes, Silverdale, Upstairs meeting room
 - September 13th – NMRA 4th Division West Side Clinic, 7 PM@ United Way of Kitsap
 - September 26th – BOD Meeting, 7PM @ Bob Jensen’s
 - September 30th – October 2nd – Lynden Lion Model Train and Swap Meet, Evergreen Fairgrounds, Lynden WA

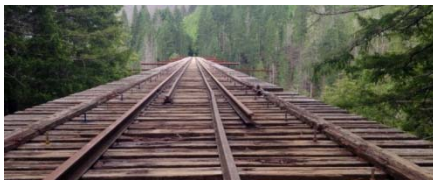
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATLAS: Announced new releases: In HO scale: 60' Auto Parts Box Car New Road Numbers. Single door in B&C, CSX, Erie, and Rock Island. Double Door in Grand Trunk, Milwaukee, Southern, and UP. Models will feature: 70-ton roller-bearing trucks with blackened metal wheels and adjustable screws; authentically painted and lettered detailed body with sliding doors and distinctive "Precision Design" recessed panels; prototypically designed roof and ends with full rivet detail: detailed die-cast metal underframe for improved operation; separate brake system and air reservoir; cushion underframe with extended coupler pockets; AccuMate® operating knuckle couplers with mounting screws; and roof overspray. Built by American Car & Foundry in the late 1960s and early 1970s, the 60' Auto Parts Box Cars serviced assembly plants and component suppliers across the nation. The cars were equipped with either single or double doors, offering easy access to the freight inside, serving the auto industry well with their versatility. Many of these cars can still be found in service today throughout North America. In N scale: vans 52'6" Gondola new paint schemes. BN, Chessie, Indiana Harbor, KCS, and NdeM. Models feature: True scale dimensions with accurate detail; separately applied end and side ladders; 100 Ton roller-bearing trucks with offset shank AccuMate® couplers; an die-cast under frame. The Southern Iron and Equipment Company (SIECO) of Atlanta, Georgia, began manufacturing gondolas in the mid-1970s. The Evans Company took control of SIECO in the early 1980s, producing the gondola under their own specifications. The gondola is still in use in North America today. This Atlas N scale gondola will find as many uses on your model railroad as the prototype did on the great rail lines of America.

RAILFAN NOTES



VANCE CREEK BRIDGE

The Outdoor Society has been in contact with Patti Case from the Green Diamond Resource Company, the company owning the land around the historical, magnificent and dangerous Vance Creek Bridge outside Shelton in Mason County. They recently reported on the possible end of the bridge as Instagram knows it.

Due to the ongoing safety concerns and vandalism at the bridge, including people setting fires on the trellises of the bridge itself, the owner of the land has begun removing the boards on the bridge, making access (which was already prohibited and illegal, btw) much harder. By doing so, they are dismantling a big piece of Washington State logging history.

Patti responded to our plea to preservation with the following email (*posted unedited and with permission*):

"Thank you for your recent article on Vance Creek Bridge. It's unfortunate that no one sought to contact Green Diamond Resource Company in search of the facts before writing the post. Like you, Green Diamond recognizes the unique attraction that the bridge represents. We believe that a public entity that specializes in parks and other attractions should own and operate the bridge. A mid-sized forest products company simply isn't equipped to provide and maintain the amenities required for such an attraction. In 2008, Mason County expressed interested in converting it to a trail, but after a feasibility study was completed and attempts to pursue funding stalled, the county determined it would be unable to acquire the bridge because its insurance risk pool was unwilling to take it on. As that study and determination occurred, social media made the bridge exponentially popular. In light of that popularity and the county's

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decision, we recently contacted Washington State Parks and have begun conversation with them about converting the bridge to a destination attraction.

In the meantime we have been taking steps to put the bridge off limits. As you know, it is extremely unsafe. You mentioned a fire in July, that was one of several that have been started on or near the bridge in the past five years. Each one threatens our livelihood, the trees that surround bridge. Last week, yet another fire, this one started ON the bridge by one of these illegal trespassers, burned many of the rotting ties and rendered that section of the bridge even more treacherous. We will continue to do everything we can to keep people off it. At the same time we are hopeful that Washington State Parks will proceed on a path to convert this to an asset in our community rather than a dangerous liability. Thank you for your interest in Vance Creek Bridge. We will be happy to keep you informed of our progress in partnering with Washington State Parks to create an attraction. In the meantime, we ask that you, along with your readers, stay away from the area."



RAILROAD TRIVIA

Who Invented the Steam Locomotive?

(Answer in next month's Flimsy)

Answer to last month's question:



The **Siemens ACS-64** locomotives were designed to be capable of accelerating 18 Amfleet cars to maximum speeds as high as 125 mph (201 km/h) on the Northeast Corridor in a little over eight minutes, with trains of eight Amfleets taking two and a half minutes to reach the same speed. They have advanced safety systems, including specialized couplers designed to keep trains from rolling over, jackknifing, or derailling during a collision. Additionally, the new locomotives are more energy-efficient than those that they replace, and lack dynamic braking grids in favor of 100% regenerative braking, depending on grid receptiveness. Energy generated from the brake may also be utilized to meet HEP needs, further reducing current draw from the grid.

BNMR Year Schedule:

September 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, (delayed one week because of Labor Day) , 7:00 P.M. at All Star Lanes in Silverdale in one of the upper rooms

September 13, 2016 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

September 26, 2016 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

September 30 - October 2, 2016 – SHOW –Lynden Lions Train Show and Swap Meet, Lynden

October 3, 2016, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

October 11, 2016 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

October 15-16, 2016 – North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Train Show and Swap Meet, Sequim.

October 24, 2016 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

November 4-6 2016 – SHOW – Retsil Veteran’s Home Show, Port Orchard

November 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

November 8, 2016 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

November 28, 2016 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

December 5, 2016 – Annual Election Meeting, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

December 13, 2016 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

December 26, 2016 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

January 9, 2017, 5:30 p.m., Annual Dinner & BNMR Business Meeting, (delayed one week because of the day after New Year's Day being a holiday). Location to be announced.

January 10, 2017 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

January 13-16, 2017 – Pacific Science Ctr Show, Seattle (no K W layout)

January 30, 2017 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

February 6, 2017, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

February 14, 2017 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

February 24-26, 2017 – SHOW – United North West Train Show & Marketplace, Monroe

February 27, 2017 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

March 6, 2017, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

March 14, 2017 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

March 27, 2017 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

April 7 – 9, 2016 – SHOW – Retsil Veterans’ Home Show, Port Orchard

April 3, 2017, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

April 11, 2017 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

April 24, 2017 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

April 29 – May 1, 2016 – SHOW – Montclair Park, Poulsbo

May 1, 2017, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

May 9, 2017 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

May 29, 2017 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

June 5, 2017, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

June 13, 2017 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

June 17, 2017 – BNMR Swap Meet, Bremerton

June 26, 2017 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

July 3, 2017, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

July 11, 2017 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

July 31, 2017 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

August 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

August 8, 2017 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

August 20 – 28, 2017 – SHOW –Kitsap County Fair, Bremerton (TBC)

August 28, 2017 – Board meeting, 7:00. Contact the President to confirm.

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MEETING NOTICE:

The regular Business Meetings are held on the first Monday each month. Business meetings are held at the United Way Building 647 4th St # D, Bremerton, WA 98337 at 7:00 PM. If the first Monday is a holiday, then the meeting day shall be the second Monday of the month.

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